



## ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

**JULY 13, 2023**

**WHEREAS** the Commissioners Court of Milam County hereby find that the circumstances are present in all of the unincorporated areas of Milam County to create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is **ORDERED** that effective at **12:00 pm, JULY 14, 2023**, all outdoor burning is prohibited in all of the unincorporated areas of Milam County. The following Order will remain in effect for 90 days from that date, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination by: (1) the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or (2) the Commissioners Court, or County Judge, based on a determination that the circumstances requiring this Order no longer exist.

This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code section §352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; (3) the planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code §153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code §153.047.

In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

**ADOPTED the 13<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2023.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Whitmire", is written over a horizontal line.

Bill Whitmire  
Milam County Judge