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JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS



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COUNTY OF JASPER

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Jasper County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Jasper County Courthouse, Jasper, Texas on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 and renewed the local Declaration of Disaster for the Hurricane Beryl storm event.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas, authorized the County Judge of Jasper County, Texas to order or rescind a countywide burn ban as needed to effectively prevent the spread of wildfires due to existing drought conditions and the increased danger of dried storm debris remaining from Hurricane Beryl in rural areas.

WHEREAS, the County of Jasper, Texas, on the 16th day of October, 2024 was in imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from countywide drought conditions. Such conditions have created a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect or rehabilitate property and are necessary and hereby ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF JASPER COUNTY:

- I. That a local state of disaster was declared and renewed for Jasper County, Texas, by the Jasper County Commissioners Court pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- II. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, the declaration of a local state of disaster activated the Jasper County Emergency Management Plan.
- III. This declaration renewal includes a restriction authorized by Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code, on outdoor burning during drought conditions.
- IV. It is hereby Ordered that all outdoor burning, including but not limited to outdoor burning of trash, brush, trees, storm debris, construction material debris or open campfires is prohibited until expiration of this Order, unless renewed, continued

or rescinded by the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas, or rescinded by Order of the County Judge if sufficient precipitation is received to relieve drought conditions in Jasper County, Texas.

- V. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, including but not limited to, the authorized burning of Hurricane Beryl debris by governmental entities.
- VI. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities conducted by governmental entities, provided that proper fire control measures are taken to prevent the spread of fire.
- VII. This Order shall not apply to burning of vegetative material when such burning is performed in accordance with a prescribed plan which addresses the useful nature of such activity such as natural resource management as described by the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- VIII. In accordance with Local Government Code Section 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ORDERED this 16th day of October, 2024.



Mark W. Allen, County Judge
Jasper County, Texas

Attest:



Holly Thomas, County Clerk
Jasper County, Texas