STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WILSON §

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ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated areas of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Wilson County that outdoor burning of non-agricultural debris is prohibited in Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 for ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statues. 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) Planting or harvesting of agricultural crops;
- (4) Burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048 of the Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

Agricultural burning is only allowed under this section and in accordance with Local Government code § 3.52.081(f). The land owner must contact the Wilson County Emergency Management office at least 48 hours prior to prescribed burn.

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 THIS THE 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024, BY THE WILSON COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Gary Martin, Commissioner Precinct 1

Jeffery Pierdolla, Commissioner Precinct 3

John Scott Akin, Commissioner Precinct 4

Russell King, Commissioner Precinct 2

ATTEST:

Genevieve Martinez, County Clerk

Henry L. Whitman, Jr. County Judge