

## ORDER

### **AUTHORIZING CONTINUED ENFORCEMENT BY COUNTY PERSONNEL OF OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND STIPULATED REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY MOORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

On January 26, 2026 the Commissioners' Court of Moore County, Texas convened in Open Session at the Courthouse of Moore County, Dumas, Texas, with a quorum present, and among proceedings, had the Order of October 27, 2025 extended, by unanimous vote.

WHEREAS, the state of Texas continues to experience a high risk of violent wildfires, and;

WHEREAS, vegetation remains very dry across Moore County, and;

WHEREAS, dry dormant grasses are especially susceptible to fast ignition and rapid spread of fire, and;

WHEREAS, there is no short-term immediate relief from the extreme conditions, and;

WHEREAS, Moore County Commissioners' Court feel compelled to protect citizen life and property and first responders,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that effective January 26, 2026, the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Moore County, Texas for an additional 90 days, ending April 26, 2026 unless otherwise lifted:

#### **PROHIBITED ACTIONS:**

A person violates this order if they burn any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or debris; or, orders such burning by others.

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS THE MITIGATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD POSED BY WILDFIRES DURING THE CURRENT SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS BY CURTAILING THE USE OF ALL COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.**

**ADOPTED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.**

Rowdy Rhoades

County Judge

Attest:

Brenda McKanna

County Clerk

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