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COUNTY OF SUTTON

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STATE OF TEXAS

ORDER LIFTING OUTDOOR BURNING BAN

**PAM THORP
SUTTON COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK**

WHEREAS, Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code provides that the Sutton County Commissioner's Court by order may prohibit outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county, if a determination is made that the present conditions in the unincorporated area of the county could create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

WHEREAS, The Commissioner's Court may also designate the County Judge or Fire Marshal, to make the determination and issue an order prohibiting outdoor burning if the present conditions in the unincorporated area of the county could create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

WHEREAS, Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code further provides that an order prohibiting outdoor burning shall expire when the determination is made by the Commissioner's Court, or County Judge or Fire Marshal, if designated for that purpose, that the circumstances which necessitated the order prohibiting outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county no longer exist; and,

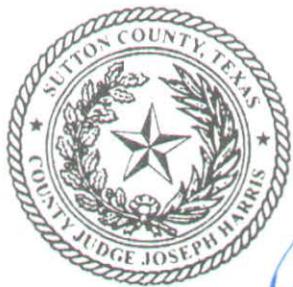
WHEREAS, on **April 14th, 2025**, the Commissioners Court made the determination that the circumstances present in the unincorporated area of the county could create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning and an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the unincorporated areas of county was issued; and,

WHEREAS, the County Judge has made the determination that the present conditions in the unincorporated area of the county have improved as a result of recent rainfall and the circumstances which necessitated the **April 14th, 2025**, Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning no longer exist in such a manner that could create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

FURTHERMORE, The current Texas Fire Danger (TFD) rating produced by the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) and the extended TFD rating as indicated by the Texas A& M Forest Service fire danger rating shows Sutton County as improved from a Very High to High fire potential rating to a Moderate fire potential rating.

THEREFORE, as County Judge I hereby **LIFT** the **April 14th, 2025**, Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the unincorporated areas of Sutton County. Although conditions in the unincorporated area of the county have improved, all person(s) are urged to use extreme caution when burning outdoors, be aware of your surroundings, obey all laws and please notify the Sutton County Sheriff's office prior to burning..

ORDERED this 21st day of April 2025.



Judge Joseph Harris
Sutton County Judge
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