

CORYELL COUNTY JUDGE
ORDER No. CJ24-02

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STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CORYELL §

Jennifer Newton
COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL CO., TEXAS

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
EMERGENCY ORDER PROHIBITING AND RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code §418.108, provides that the County Judge, by order in a declaration of local disaster, may prohibit outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county if the County Judge makes a finding that circumstances present in the unincorporated areas create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

WHEREAS, the mean value of the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) for Coryell County reached 625 (Severe Drought) on August 20, 2024; and,

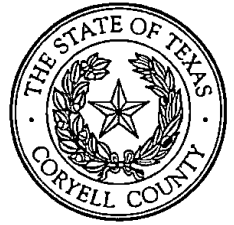
WHEREAS, the County Judge finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the County Judge of Coryell County that outdoor burning of all substances is prohibited, subject to the following allowable restricted outdoor burning:

- This Order:
1. Is effective immediately on August 21, 2024 for a period of 7 days from the date of adoption, unless terminated earlier based on a determination made by the County Judge that a public safety hazard no longer exists.
 2. May be extended by order of the Commissioners Court for a period of up to 90 days.
 3. Is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes.
 4. Does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:
 - (a) firefighter training
 - (b) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations
 - (c) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops
 - (d) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under §153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of §153.047 Natural Resources Code
 - (e) welding, grinding, and/or cutting of metal, provided a spotter, serviceable fire extinguisher, and a minimum of 10 gallons of water are present, and
 - (f) burning of domestic waste in a barrel when using screen with no larger than 3/8" holes

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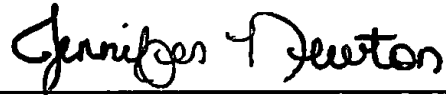
In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Ordered this 21st day of August, 2024:



COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK