

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WARD

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**ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING  
IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WARD COUNTY, TEXAS**

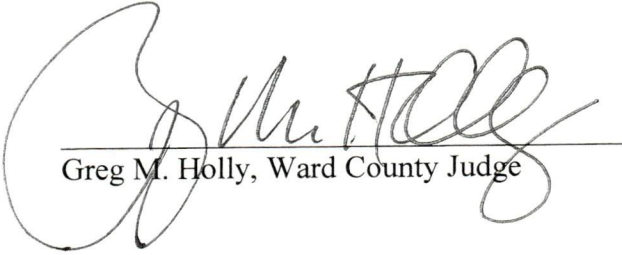
WHEREAS, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, the Commissioners' Court of Ward County has found that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

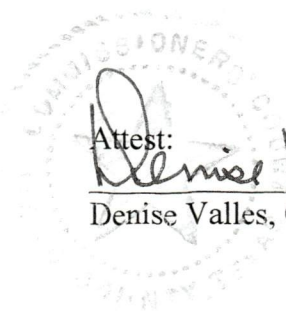
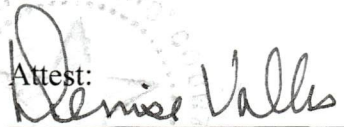
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Ward County that all outdoor burning in Ward County is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. 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; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

FURTHER, this Order does not prohibit the burning of household trash in containers covered by metal grating, outdoor cooking or burning in metal pits and grills (including the burning of wood for such purpose), or other outdoor burning activities as permitted by the Ward County Fire Marshall in his sole discretion.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

  
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Greg M. Holly, Ward County Judge

  
Attest:   
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Denise Valles, County Clerk