ORDER DECLARING BURN BAN

Whereas, the City of Shepherd cares about the safety and protection of our citizens and real property, and

Whereas, the City of Shepherd has seen exceptionally dry weather in the last several weeks, and

Whereas, the Mayor of Shepherd has determined that the circumstances present in all or part of the incorporated area the City of Shepherd, San Jacinto County, Texas create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

Whereas, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought condition exist within the City; and

Whereas, San Jacinto County has issued a Burn Ban effective 9/9/2019 intended to affect the entire County, and

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the incorporated area of the City of Shepherd Texas, effectively immediately and lasting until further notice

This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commissioner 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.

Executed this 10th day of September, 2019

Charles Minton, Mayor

Debra Hagler, City Secretary