BURN BAN PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Fritz Faulkner, County Judge of San Jacinto County, Texas, finds that circumstances present within the County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning, and has issued an Outdoor Burning Ban on 21 July 2023 and is in effect for 30 days; and

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

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

Whereas, San Jacinto County has issued a Burn Ban in accordance with Local Code Section 352.018:

Therefore, be it known, that the City of Point Blank, County of San Jacinto, State of Texas, does hereby adopt the County's Burn Ban as its' own, and if a person violates a prohibition or restriction established by this Order, such violation will be considered a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or the value of the damage caused by the violation, whichever is greater.

Mark T. Wood, Mayor

9/10/2019

7/22/23

Date

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, Fritz Faulkner, County Judge of San Jacinto County, Texas, finds that circumstances present in the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by Judge Fritz Faulkner of San Jacinto County, Texas, that outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the ban is terminated earlier based on a determination by the Judge that the circumstances described above no longer exist. This Order is adopted pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statues. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities (1) 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; or (c) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (2) that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture or certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meeting the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code; (3) related to Commercial Food Establishments; and (4) propane and cooking fires under safe and controlled conditions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall not apply to a prescribed burn conducted by burn personnel of a federal or state agency, or an institution of higher education (1) for prescribed burns on agency owned or managed properties, (2) for the purposes of training local fire department personnel or prescribed burn managers, or (3) for the purpose of research or demonstration of burn personnel of a federal or state agency, or institution of higher education.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the circumstances leading to this Order are modified by transitory conditions, the County Judge is authorized to suspend this Order for a specified period of the precincts after consultation with the fire departments in their precinct. Such temporary suspension(s) of the ban may be terminated at any time before expiration of the specified period by the County Judge.

In accordance with Local Government Code Section 352.018(h), a person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition or restriction established by this Order. A violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this _____

day of July, 2023.

FRITZ FAULKNER, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

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