

**PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING
IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EL PASO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, El Paso County is under threat of damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the threat of wildfires due to recurring dry grass conditions and gusty winds; and,

WHEREAS, the El Paso County Commissioners Court finds that the conditions persist in all of the unincorporated areas of El Paso County, Texas and these conditions create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

WHEREAS, the El Paso County Commissioners Court is acting under the authority codified at Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code in adopting the following Commissioners Court Order.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of El Paso County, Texas, excepting activities specifically authorized by and for which a permit has been obtained from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for firefighter training, public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, planting or harvesting of agriculture crops, and prescribed burn management pursuant to Section 352.081(f) of the Texas Local Government Code, and excepting agricultural burning authorized by and for which a permit has been obtained from the appropriate agency as required by law; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a violation of this Order are defined and punishable as described in Section 352.081(h) of the Texas Local Government Code as a Class C Misdemeanor; and,

IT IS LASTLY ORDERED that this order shall be effective on the 19th day of February, 2023 and shall continue for a period of 90 days until repealed or expired in accordance with state law.

ADOPTED AND ORDERED on the 6th day of February, 2023 by the El Paso County Commissioners Court.

ATTEST:

THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS



County Clerk Delia Briones



County Judge Ricardo A. Samaniego

