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ARANSAS COUNTY BURN BAN IN EFFECT AS OF 6-27-2023

Monday, June 26, 2023 – The Aransas County Commissioners Court held a Regular Meeting and issued an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for a Period of 90 days after finding that unsafe conditions exist within the unincorporated areas of the County that constitute a public safety hazard. Many areas of the state are currently experiencing heightened fire danger due to weather conditions.

What is prohibited? The Order states: “Except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, a person violates this Order if he burns or otherwise dispenses, emits, explodes, detonates, throws off, or otherwise delivers a spark or fire to, or in the area of, any combustible material, including but not limited to burning trash, debris, yard waste, trees, brush, and paper.”

Are there exceptions? Yes. Outdoor burning for cooking and heating, as well as welding and hot work activities, are still allowed as long as certain requirements are met. Please see the Order for more information. Last, outdoor burning activities that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) are exempt from the Order.

What about fireworks? This Order does not prohibit the sale or use of fireworks for this July 4th period. If conditions worsen, however, the County Judge could declare a disaster and ban the use of fireworks for seven (7) days. Please keep an eye on the www.aransascounty.org website for up to date information on burn bans.

What happens if someone violates the Order? Violations of the Order may result in a person being charged with a Class C Misdemeanor that could result in a fine of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) plus costs. The Aransas County Fire Marshal, a fire chief, and any duly commissioned peace officer may enforce this Order.

How long will it last? Unless it is renewed or cancelled early, the Order will expire at 11:59 p.m. on September 24, 2023.