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COUNTY OF VAL VERDE

**ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within Val Verde County; and

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the Commissioners Court of Val Verde County that all **outdoor burning 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 by: (1) the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or (2) the Commissioners Court, based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

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) Firefighters 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 Natural Resources Code §153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code §153.047.

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.

**Burning will be allowed only with written permission from Val Verde County Fire Chief or Val Verde County Judge.**

ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2021.

*Lewis G. Owens Jr.*

Lewis G. Owens Jr.  
Val Verde County Judge

*Martin Wardlaw*

Martin Wardlaw, Commissioner Pct. 1

*Juan C. Vazquez*  
*Gustavo Flores*

Juan C. Vazquez, Commissioner Pct. 2

*Robert Beau Nettleton*

Robert Beau Nettleton, Commissioner Pct. 3

Gustavo Flores, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest:

*Generosa Gracia-Ramon*

Generosa Gracia-Ramon  
Val Verde County Clerk

