

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GONZALES

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ORDER [PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING] OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within the county.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Gonzales County that all outdoor burning is [prohibited **OR** restricted] in [the unincorporated area of the county **OR** _____ (specific part of the unincorporated part 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 [or the County Judge or County Fire Marshal] 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) 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 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.

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2025 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Effective date: Monday, March 31, 2025 @ 12:01 a.m.

Patricia Davis
County Judge

Attest:

Christy Horstman

Christy Horstman, County Clerk

Christy Horstman, Deputy Clerk

