

STATE OF TEXAS

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ORDER OF

COUNTY OF KENT

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COMMISSIONERS' COURT

**ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING**

**WHEREAS:** The Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist within Kent County; OR

**WHEREAS:** The Commissioners' Court of Kent County finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the Commissioners' Court of KENT COUNTY that all outdoor burning of all substances **is RESTRICTED \*TO REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL FIRE CHIEF (NATHAN BROOKS-806-269-3161)** in the unincorporated areas of the County, for 90 days from the date of adoption of the ORDER, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court or the County Judge may rescind this Order upon a determination that the circumstances that require 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 Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

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.

ADOPTED this **23rd** day of **September** 2024;

by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

  
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COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:

  
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COUNTY CLERK