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COUNTY OF MEDINA

ORDER 2026-02-23-09
PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Medina 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 the County Judge or County Fire Marshall based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exists. 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) and the harvesting of agricultural crops; (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; or (5) ceremonial fires, provided that advance notice is given of time and location to Medina County Sheriff and to the appropriate fire officials.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that the burning of brush on property cleared by a Land Clearing Contractor or employees thereof or by the landowner and *who remain present during any such burning with appropriate fire containment equipment* shall constitute an exception to the Burn Ban provided that a *notice of exception* is obtained from the County Fire Marshal and *notice of any such burning is provided in advance to the Medina County Sheriff as to the time and location of any such burning.*

In accordance with Local Government Code §3525.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 per each violation.

ADOPTED by the Commissioners Court of Medina County this 23rd day of February 2026 to become effective February 23, 2026, at 11:59 PM.

Keith Lutz, County Judge

Larry Sittre
Commissioner Precinct 2

Jessica Castiglione
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Commissioner Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Gina Champion, County Clerk