

**City of Florence, Texas**  
*Resolution Supporting the Williamson County Burn Ban*

**WHEREAS**, Section 352.081 of the Texas Government Code provides that the commissioners court of a county by order "Exhibit A" may prohibit outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county if the commissioners court makes a finding that circumstances present in the unincorporated area create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence finds it in the best interest to enact the order prohibiting outdoor burning as approved by Williamson County Commissioners Court within the territorial limits of Florence, Texas;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Florence that the Williamson County Burn Ban Order is the mitigation of public safety hazard posed by wild fires during current dry weather by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning is hereby approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Florence and resolves to execute the actions in the order enacted by Williamson County Commissioners Court.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately without reconsideration.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Florence on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

APPROVED:

  
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Mary Condon, City of Florence Mayor



ATTEST:

  
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Amy L. Crane, City Secretary

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON     §  
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STATE OF TEXAS           §

**ORDER PROHIBITING  
OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code provides that the commissioners court of a county by order may prohibit outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county if the commissioners court makes a finding that circumstances present in the unincorporated area create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Commissioners Court does hereby find that circumstances present in all of the unincorporated area of Williamson County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that outdoor burning is prohibited in all of the unincorporated areas of Williamson County and smoking in and/or on Williamson County Parks, Preserves and Trails is prohibited, as follows:

- (A) Actions prohibited:
  - (1) A person violates this order if he/she burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.
  - (2) A person violates this order if he/she engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire unless done in an enclosure designed to protect the spread of fire, or orders such activities by others.
  - (3) A person violates this order if he/she smokes any tobacco or non-tobacco substances, by any method, in and/or on Williamson County Parks, Preserves and Trails, which include the unincorporated areas of the Southwest Regional Park, Berry Springs Park and Preserve, Eastern Williamson County Regional Park, Twin Lakes Park, Champion Park, Brushy Creek Regional Trail and Lake Creek Trail.
  
- (B) Enforcement:
  - (1) Upon notification of a suspected violation of this order, the fire department with jurisdiction for the location of the fire shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire.
  - (2) As soon as possible, a duly commissioned peace officer shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire.
  - (3) If, in the opinion of the officer on the scene, the goal of this order can be attained by informing the responsible party about the prohibitions established by this order, the officer may, at his or her discretion, request compliance with it. In such instances, an entry of this notification

(g) No welding, cutting or grinding operations or hot works operations is allowed on days designated as red flag warning days by the National Weather Service;

(h) If all welding, cutting and grinding operations or hot works operations are performed only in a total welding or hot works enclosure, or "welding box" or "hot works box", that is sufficiently high to control sparks, including a fire retardant cover over the top, the operations must comply with requirements (e), (f), and (g) in this list and is encouraged to comply with requirements (a)-(d) inclusive, if feasible and appropriate, and;

(i) If all welding, cutting and grinding operations or hot works operations are performed only in sub-surface, or "bell hole", welding and grinding operations or hot works operations within approved excavations, the operations must comply with requirements (e), (f), and (g) in this list and is encouraged to comply with requirements (a)-(d) inclusive, if feasible and appropriate.

Be it also ORDERED that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wild fires during the current dry weather by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

This order shall expire on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018, or prior to such expiration date if the Williamson County Commissioners Court or the County Judge, if designated by the Commissioners Court, determines that the circumstances present in the unincorporated areas of Williamson County no longer create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning, whichever occurs earlier. The Williamson County Commissioners Court may adopt an additional order that takes effect on the expiration of this order if the Williamson County Commissioners Court finds at such time that circumstances then present in all of the unincorporated area of Williamson County continue to create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

ORDERED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2018.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Dan A. Gattis, County Judge

Amy Crane, City Secretary  
City of Florence Texas  
106 S. Patterson  
Florence, TX 76527

I am interested in conducting Fire Inspections for the City of Florence. I currently hold an Inspector II certification with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. I have experience conducting fire inspection with the Florence Volunteer Fire Department, Lampasas Fire Department, City of Belton Fire Department and the City of Temple Fire Department.

My fees for fire inspections are very reasonable. Since I come to Florence often I would not charge any mileage when conducting inspections. I would set my fee rate at whatever fee the City of Florence charges an individual or business for the inspection.

I would give a copy of my report to the City of Florence and a copy to the Florence Fire Department.

Thank you,

Wesley Alexander