BURNET COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

ADOPTED GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR BURNING

Ref Outdoor Burning Rule, Title 30, Texas Administrative Code Section 111.201-221

- 1. Notify Burnet County Sheriff's Office before starting any outdoor burns, 512-756-8080.
- 2. Burning shall not be conducted after dark. Burning shall commence no earlier than an hour after sunrise and be completed on the same day no later than one hour before sunset.
- 3. Make sure that a responsible person stays with the burn at all times while the burn is active.
- 4. Have some means to control the burn (water, shovel, equipment). Means of control should be directly related to the size of the burn being conducted.
- 5. Clear at least a six foot distance around the burn area by mowing or grading.
- 6. Burning shall not be commenced if surface wind speed is predicted to be greater than twentythree (23) MPH during the burn period.
- 7. Burn brush, trimmings, untreated wood or paper products only. The fire should not produce black smoke. Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphalt materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber (i.e. tires) must not be burned.
- 8. Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet from any structure containing *sensitive receptors located on adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the adjacent occupant.
- 9. The authority to conduct outdoor burning under this guideline does not exempt or excuse any person responsible from the consequences, damages or injuries resulting from the burning and does not exempt or excuse anyone from complying with all other applicable laws or ordinances, regulations, and orders or governmental entities having jurisdiction, even though the burning is otherwise conducted in compliance with these guidelines. Law enforcement officers may issue warnings and citations for outdoor burning violations.
- 10. No burning shall be conducted on Red Flag Warning days.

As revised and approved by the Burnet County Commissioners Court this 23th day of November, 2021.

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*Sensitive receptors include humans and livestock, as well as "sensitive live vegetation" such as nursery plants, mushrooms under cultivation, and plants raised for pharmaceutical production or used in lab experiments. For a complete definition, see 30 TAC 111.203(7).