STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF POLK §



ORDER RESCINDING PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas issued an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the unincorporated areas of the County on October 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in an Emergency Session properly posted on November 5, 2024 and held this date, November 5, 2024, the Commissioners Court, pursuant to the Gov't Code §551.045, finds that the public safety hazard cited in that Order has been relieved due to sufficient rainfall; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Office of Emergency Management and the Polk County Fire Marshal have reviewed current conditions with the Texas Forest Service and are in agreement that ending the "Burn Ban" is appropriate at this time.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas that the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning is hereby RESCINDED and the prohibition on outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the County is no longer in effect as of November 5, 2024 at 2 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commissioners Court, Office of Emergency Management, and Polk County Fire Marshal urge all persons to use caution in proceeding with any outdoor burning, being mindful that conditions currently present in Polk County may change quickly and that individuals burning outdoors are responsible and liable for any fire damage resulting from such burning. In addition, the Office of Emergency Management suggests that any persons contemplating the outdoor burning of a sizeable amount of debris first contact the Volunteer Fire Department in their area to receive the Department's recommendations and/or assistance.

ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 2024 by the Polk County Commissioners Court.

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ATTEST:

Schelana Hock, County C

Wendy Timm 1F Deputy County Clerk



TERMINATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2024, the County Judge, pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 418, the "Texas Disaster Act", issued a proclamation declaring a local state of disaster for the County of Polk due to dry conditions, lack of significant rainfall, and the threat of wildfire;

WHEREAS, the Polk County Commissioners Court extended the Declaration of Disaster for a period of thirty days on October 17, 2024;

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating the proclamation of a local state of disaster have ceased to exist; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act provides that a local state of disaster may be terminated by the governing body of the political subdivision or by executive order of the County Judge;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT:

The Commissioners Court, as the governing body of Polk County, hereby terminates the proclamation of a local state of disaster described in the preamble above.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 5th day of November, 2024.

APPROVED, this 5th day of November, 2024.

Sydney Murphy, County Judge Polk County, Texas

