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ARANSAS COUNTY BURN BAN EXTENDED

May 23, 2022

Today, the Aransas County Commissioners Court issued an extension on the **Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for another period of Thirty (30) days**. The new expiration date is June 23, 2022. This Order went into effect immediately upon issuance and **prohibits delivering a spark or fire to any combustible material, including trash, debris, yard waste, and brush. Outdoor cooking and campfires are also prohibited.**

Many areas of the state are currently experiencing heightened fire danger due to weather conditions and the amount of dead vegetation from last year's freeze that acts as fuel for fires.

Violations of this Order may result in a person being charged with a **Class C Misdemeanor**. The Aransas County Fire Marshal and any duly commissioned peace officer may enforce this Order.

The public should note that outdoor burning is still permitted under some circumstances. The Order does not apply to outdoor burning activities that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or burns that are conducted by certified and insured prescribed burn manager under the Natural Resources Code.

Thank You.

Burn Ban Clarification

May 24, 2022 – The Aransas County Commissioners Court issued an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning for up to 30 additional days on May 23, 2022.

The Order specifically prohibits burning or otherwise dispensing, emitting, exploding, detonating, throwing off, or otherwise delivering a spark or fire to, or in the area of, any combustible material. This prohibition includes the burning of trash, debris, yard waste, trees, brush, and paper. In addition, outdoor campfires are not allowed.

Outdoor cooking, including the use of barbeque grills, is not prohibited at this time. However, the Aransas County Commissioners Court respectfully requests that any cooking fires or grills are not left unattended at any time and that anyone cooking outdoors is careful to ensure that fires are completely extinguished. Please make sure that you have a water source nearby and that you are using grills only for their intended purpose. Thank you.