TARRANT COUNTY

PROHIBITION OF OUTSIDE BURNING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS

WHEREAS, Tarrant County is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the threat of wildfires due to the winter dry grass conditions and gusty winds that occur during the winter season; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court finds that the conditions herein described persist in all of the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County, Texas and these conditions create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by uncontrolled burning; and the Texas Forest Service and the National Weather Service supports the Prohibition of Outside Burning in Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court is acting under the authority codified at §352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code in adopting the following Commissioners Court Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County:

1. That all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County, Texas except burning within an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and sparks, and welding guidelines established by the County Fire Marshal or except as authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and

2. That violations of this order are defined and punishable as described in §352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

3. That this order shall take effect January 10, 2017 and continue for a period of 90 days from and including the date of the adoption of this order and unless repealed in accordance with the State of Texas law.

This Order shall take effect immediately from and after its passage on this the 10th day of January 2017.

Court Order # 124232

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County Judge

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