



AN ORDER TO RESCIND RESTRICTION OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, there no longer exists a danger that fires being used to burn debris may not be adequately controlled and spread and ultimately result in extensive damage and losses; and,

WHEREAS, fire departments and emergency responders NOW believe that they have the capacity to control fires adequately; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court, by court order, may extend the order to prohibit or restrict outdoor burning in all and/or part of the unincorporated areas of the county if the Commissioners' Court makes a finding that circumstances are present in the southern unincorporated areas of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

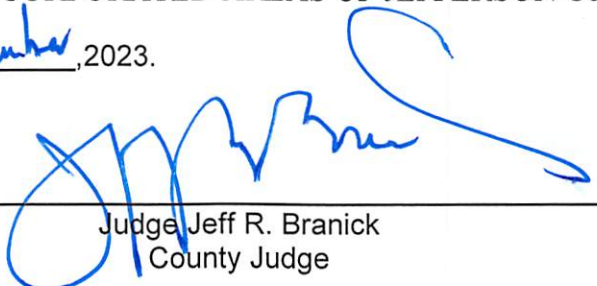
WHEREAS, any order issued under this section shall not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: firefighter training, public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, or harvesting agricultural crops; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to his authority under Sec. 352.081, the County Judge has the authority to rescind unnecessary orders issued by him; and,

WHEREAS, I, Jeff R. Branick, the County Judge of Jefferson rescind and vacate my Order prohibiting outdoor burning on November 6, 2023 immediately.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that OUTDOOR BURNING IS NO LONGER PROHIBITED IN ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF JEFFERSON County.

SIGNED this 13th of November, 2023.



Judge Jeff R. Branick
County Judge