

ORDER 2025-03-10

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

Whereas, the Commissioners Court of Real County finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Real County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the county until **APRIL 14, 2025**, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service, this Court or as provided below.

The County Judge is hereby designated as the officer authorized to determine whether circumstances no longer exist to prohibit outdoor burning, and the County Judge may rescind this Order at such time.

This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are

authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code § 153.048, and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code § 153.047. **This ORDER does not prohibit burning for the preparation of food provided the source is constantly monitored by an individual who is at least 18 years of age.**

Welding is allowed under the following guidelines only:

(1) A spotter is required for each welder, each cutter, each grinder, and for any activity that causes or may cause a spark.

(2) A perimeter around the welding area shall be established of a radius of 25 feet and clear of vegetation, if possible, and kept wet. The welding perimeter must be three times the height of the actual welding. Example: if the welding is occurring ten feet off the ground, a perimeter of thirty (30) feet radius must be protected.

- (3) A minimum of 35 gallons of water must be available on site.
- (4) Each spotter must have in his/her possession a Class B Chemical Fire Extinguisher, minimum 10 lbs.
- (5) If the perimeter cannot be cleared of vegetation, proper precautionary measures must be taken (Example: protecting brush, etc, by utilizing fire resistant tarps).
- (6) Welding in an enclosed area or underground is acceptable.
- (7) No welding is permitted if winds are 20 mph or greater or relative humidity is less than 30%.
- (8) Prior to **ANY** welding activity a phone call shall be placed by the welder or company conducting welding operations to the Real County Sheriff's Office (830-232-5201) relaying the location of the project, cell phone for contact person, name of party responsible, and name of welder.

In accordance with Local Government Code § 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Adopted effective as of 9:00 a.m. on the 10th day of MARCH, 2025.



Attest:

A blue ink signature of D'Ann Green, written in a cursive style.

D'Ann Green
County Clerk, Real County, Texas

A blue ink signature of Bella A. Rubio, written in a cursive style.

BELLA A. RUBIO
Real County Judge
Presiding Officer

Deputy Clerk, Real County, Texas