

**PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING
IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EL PASO COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, the El Paso County Commissioners Court finds that the conditions persist in all of the unincorporated areas of El Paso County, Texas and these conditions create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso County Commissioners Court is acting under the authority codified at Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code in adopting the following Commissioners Court Order:


BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of El Paso County, Texas, excepting activities specifically authorized by and for which a permit has been obtained from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for firefighter training, public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, planting or harvesting of agriculture crops, and prescribed burn management pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 352.081(f) and excepting agricultural burning authorized by and for which a permit has been obtained from the Fire Marshal of an Emergency Services District located in the County;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a violation of this Order are defined and punishable as described in Section 352.081(h) of the Texas Local Government Code as a Class C Misdemeanor; and


IT IS LASTLY ORDERED that this order shall be effective on September 28, 2016 and shall continue for a period of 90 days until repealed or expired in accordance with state law.

ADOPTED AND ORDERED this, the 26th day of September 2016 by the El Paso County Commissioners Court.

ATTEST:


County Clerk Delia Briones

THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

By 
County Judge Veronica Escobar

for