



DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
ORDER BANNING OPEN FIRES
REGULATION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Government Code, Section 418.108(a) the Liberty County Judge after being advised by the Liberty County Fire Marshal, hereby finds and declares current drought conditions constitute a local disaster that poses an "imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including fire..."

WHEREAS, the declaration of the severe drought conditions in Liberty County is determined by the Texas A&M Forest Service by use of the Keaton-Byrum Drought index (KBDI)

WHEREAS, declaration of such drought conditions authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires; and

WHEREAS, circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated areas in Liberty County have exceeded the threshold associated with more severe drought conditions and the KBDI has increased daily for the preceding 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the current weather forecast for Liberty County does not predict rain for the next 30 days that would be sufficient to reduce the KBDI to a level below that level indicating severe drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Government Code, Section 352.082, A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly burns household refuse outdoors on a lot that is:

- (1) located in a neighborhood; or
- (2) smaller than five acres.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Texas Administrative Code, Section 111.201, No person may cause, suffer, allow, or permit any outdoor burning within the State of Texas, except as provided by this subchapter or by orders or permits of the commission.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED, that a local disaster declared under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code and the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Liberty County Texas, with this order being in effect not to exceed 7 days :

- A. A person commits an offense if the person engages in burning any combustible material in violation of this prohibition or restriction, or orders such burning by others.
- B. An offense under this Order per Section 352.081(h) is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500.00 and community service up to 100 hours.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order may be enforced by any duly commissioned Peace Officer and that the venue for prosecution of a violation of this order be the Justice of the Peace in the precinct which the alleged violation occurred.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that;

This section does not apply to outdoor burning activities:


(1) related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:

- (A) firefighter training;
- (B) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or
- (C) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or

(2) that are conducted by a certified and insured prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.045, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this Order is entered this the 10th of OCTOBER, 2025 and will be in effect **until the duration of this Order OR until a determination is made by the Liberty County Commissioners Court, Liberty County Judge or Liberty County Fire Marshal that the circumstances identified no longer exist.**

ATTEST:



Jay Knight, Liberty County Judge

Signed this 10th day of OCTOBER, 2025.

DATE	HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE	CHANGE
1-Oct-25	468	696	617	PLUS 8
2-Oct-25	483	701	626	PLUS 8
3-Oct-25	497	706	633	PLUS 8
4-Oct-25	508	710	640	PLUS 6
5-Oct-25	519	713	646	PLUS 6
6-Oct-25	530	717	652	PLUS 6
7-Oct-25	541	721	658	PLUS 6
8-Oct-25	552	725	663	PLUS 5
9-Oct-25	563	729	669	PLUS 6
10-Oct-25				
11-Oct-25				
12-Oct-25				
13-Oct-25				
14-Oct-25				
15-Oct-25				
16-Oct-25				

DATE	HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE	CHANGE
1-Sep-25	289	680	564	0
2-Sep-25	187	653	474	89
3-Sep-25	214	659	487	PLUS 14
4-Sep-25	244	666	502	PLUS 14
5-Sep-25	273	673	517	PLUS 16
6-Sep-25	298	679	531	PLUS 13
7-Sep-25	320	684	542	PLUS 11
8-Sep-25	334	687	547	PLUS 5
9-Sep-25	349	690	555	PLUS 8
10-Sep-25	366	694	564	PLUS 9
11-Sep-25	387	698	574	PLUS 11
12-Sep-25	406	702	585	PLUS 10
13-Sep-25	425	706	595	PLUS 10
14-Sep-25	444	710	604	PLUS 9
15-Sep-25	460	714	613	PLUS 9
16-Sep-25	475	718	621	PLUS 8
17-Sep-25	491	722	629	PLUS 8
18-Sep-25	488	726	636	PLUS 7
19-Sep-25	502	729	643	PLUS 7
20-Sep-25	515	732	650	PLUS 7
21-Sep-25	492	735	655	PLUS 5
22-Sep-25	483	734	654	0
23-Sep-25	389	702	605	-48
24-Sep-25	379	694	590	-14
25-Sep-25	379	670	588	-21
26-Sep-25	395	675	577	PLUS 9
27-Sep-25	410	679	585	PLUS 8
28-Sep-25	424	683	593	PLUS 8
29-Sep-25	438	687	601	PLUS 8
30-Sep-25	453	691	609	PLUS 8

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LIBERTY

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED on the
date and the time stamped hereon by me and was duly
RECORDED in the Records of Liberty County Texas

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Lee Haidusek Chambers

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Liberty County TX