

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
AND ORDER
TEMPORARILY BANNING OUTDOOR FIRES IN POTTER COUNTY**

On 05-16-2022 this Declaration and Order is issued by the undersigned Nancy Tanner, Potter County Judge, pursuant to § 418.108 of the Texas Government Code and Commissioners Court Order No. 1986, entered July 28, 1986 by the Potter County Commissioners Court and recorded at Volume 40, Page 656 of the minutes of the Potter County Commissioners Court:

1. WHEREAS, a “disaster” is defined in the Texas Government Code as including the “imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including fire . . .” *Texas Government Code § 418.004(1)*; and
2. WHEREAS, the Potter County Judge, as presiding officer of the Commissioners Court of Potter County, a political subdivision, may declare a local state of disaster and enter appropriate orders in relation thereto. *See, Texas Government Code § 418.108(a)*; and
3. WHEREAS, Potter County is in a persistent pattern of dry and windy weather conditions with weather forecasters predicting a continuation of same for the immediate future; and
4. WHEREAS, these conditions pose an immediate threat of large, dangerous and uncontrollable wildfires having the potential to endanger lives and damage property on a large scale; and,
5. WHEREAS, in order to mitigate such danger it is necessary to order the restriction of man-made fires in Potter County until the threat of such danger passes.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Nancy Tanner, County Judge of Potter County, does hereby DELCARE and ORDER that Potter County’s Emergency Management Plan in relation to the conditions described above be and is hereby implemented as follows:

Effective immediately, in all areas of Potter County outside the city limits of the City of Amarillo, all outdoor burning is hereby prohibited until such time as the threat of fire described above has passed, subject only to the following exceptions:

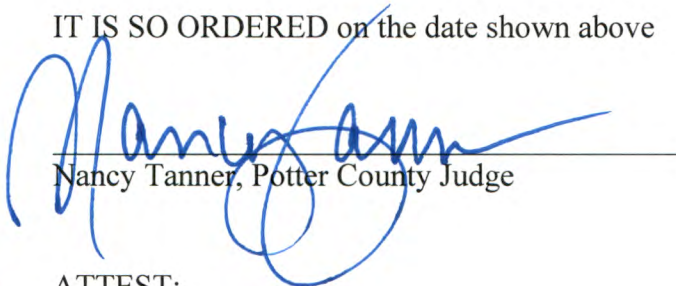
- (a) Activities related to public health and safety and authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:
 - Firefighter training;
 - Public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations;
 - Planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or,
 - Prescribed burns certified under Section 153.048, Texas Natural Resources Code, and meeting the standards of Section 153.047, Texas Natural Resources Code;

and

- (b) Household fires confined within an approved metal container covered by a metal screen capable of preventing the escape of flames or sparks from the container and ignited for the sole purposes of providing warmth in cold weather or burning of household waste generated through normal activities of daily living on property used exclusively as a private residence and housing not more than three families.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Declaration and Order shall remain in effect until the earlier of: (a) rescission of same by further order of the undersigned within seven days of the date of this Order, or (b) the expiration of seven days after the date of this Order unless extended by Order of the Potter County Commissioners Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED on the date shown above



Nancy Tanner, Potter County Judge

ATTEST:





Julie Smith, Potter County Clerk