

THE STATE OF TEXAS \$\(\) COUNTY OF ARANSAS \$\(\)

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCLAMATION ORDER #PO-21-2018-A

AN ORDER OF ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS, SUPPLEMENTING ARANSAS COUNTY'S PROCLAMATION DISASTER DECLARATION RENEWAL ORDER #PO-21-2018 AND PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING AND THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF ANY AND ALL FIREWORKS IN ARANSAS COUNTY

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of August 2017, Aransas County suffered widespread and severe damage and loss of property resulting from Hurricane Harvey, and, pursuant to *Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code*, a local, county, and federal declaration of disaster was enacted for Aransas County; and

WHEREAS, said local declaration of disaster has been continually renewed for Aransas County, and a current **Proclamation Disaster Declaration Renewal Order** (#PO-21-2018) dated May 23, 2018 has been filed with the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, as Aransas County has been and remains under a local Disaster Declaration, the Aransas County Judge has determined that a **Supplemental Declaration Order** is necessary to protect the citizens and property in Aransas County from the risk of fire due to greatly enhanced circumstances present in the unincorporated areas of the County that would be exacerbated by the use of outdoor burning and fireworks when local resources continue to be overwhelmed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the County Judge of Aransas County, that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the County for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Commissioners' Court through its County Judge or the Declaration of Disaster is lifted and that the high hazard fire conditions no longer exist. This Order is adopted pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108 and Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission 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, in accordance with the Natural Resources Code. In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

NOW, THEREFORE, ALSO BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108 and local Proclamation Disaster Declaration Renewal Order of Aransas County, that no person may sell, purchase, detonate, ignite or in any way use fireworks of any kind whatsoever, including "permissible fireworks" as classified in Occupations Code, Section 2154.003(a) in any portion of the unincorporated areas of Aransas County. This Order does not prohibit a "licensed pyrotechnic operator or professional public display permit holder". This restriction shall expire 60 hours from the date of the adoption of this Order, unless extended by the Governor of the State of Texas.

DULY ORDERED AND ADOPTED ON THIS THE 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2018.

C.H. "BURT" MILLS, JR, County Judge

AT <u>4:42 P.</u> M.

MAY 23 2018

VALERIE K. AMASON COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS