STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF POLK §



## ORDER RESCINDING PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas issued an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the unincorporated areas of the County on July 25, 2023 and extended the Order on August 22, 2023 and again on September 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in an Emergency Session properly posted on October 5, 2023 and held this date, October 6, 2023, the Commissioners Court, pursuant to the Gov't Code §551.045, finds that the public safety hazard cited in that Order has been relieved due to sufficient rainfall; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Office of Emergency Management has reviewed current conditions with the Texas Forest Service and is in agreement that ending the "Burn Ban" is appropriate at this time.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas that the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning is hereby RESCINDED and the prohibition on outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the County is no longer in effect as of October 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Commissioners Court and the Office of Emergency Management urge all persons to use caution in proceeding with any outdoor burning, being mindful that conditions currently present in Polk County may change quickly and that individuals burning outdoors are responsible and liable for any fire damage resulting from such burning. In addition, the Office of Emergency Management suggests that any persons contemplating the outdoor burning of a sizeable amount of debris first contact the Volunteer Fire Department in their area to receive the Department's recommendations and/or assistance.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2023 by the Polk County Commissioners Court.

Guylene Robertson

Polk County, Texas

Commissioner, Precinct 1

ATTEST:

Schelana Hock, County Clerk

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