

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ORDER OF DISASTER DECLARATION AND
ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING.

WHEREAS, on September 6th, 2011, the County Judge issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for Harrison County resulting from:

Deteriorating Drought Conditions Causing Threat of Dangerous Wildfire.

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating declaration of a state of disaster continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, §418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period of excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT of HARRISON COUNTY:

1. That the state of disaster proclaimed for the threat of wildfire by the County Judge on September 6th, 2011 shall continue until terminated by order of the COMMISSIONERS' COURT.
2. This ordinance is passed as an emergency measure and pursuant to the local authority for emergency measures and shall become effective on the 12th day of September, 2011.

FURTHER, in accordance with the provisions of Section 240.906 of the Texas local Government Code, the undersigned as County Judge of Harrison County, Texas hereby finds and declares that a state of disaster exists in Harrison County based on the imminent threat of wildfire; and

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

WHEREAS, the normal danger of fire in Harrison County at this time is greatly enhanced by the unusual deficit in normal precipitation levels for Harrison County at this time;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Harrison County, Texas, with this Order being in effect for ninety (90) days from this date:

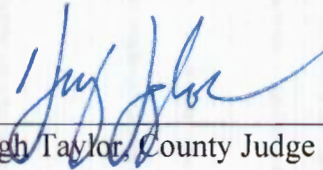
1. A person commits an offense if he or she burns any combustible material outside or orders such burning by others.
2. Each such act shall be an offense under this Order and shall be a misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this Order shall be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer and that the venue for prosecution of violations of this order will be in Harrison County, Texas.

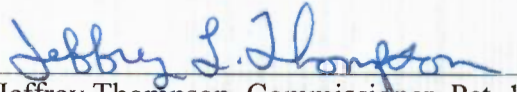
BE IT ALSO ORDERED that the purpose of this Order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires during the current dry weather by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this Order.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2011.

APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2011.



Hugh Taylor, County Judge




Jeffrey Thompson, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Emma Bennett, Commissioner, Pct. 2



James Greer, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Galen McBride, Commissioner, Pct. 4