

ORDER OF OUTDOOR BURNING BAN

WHEREAS, the City of Simonton (the "City") is within Fort Bend County (the "County"), and is therefore, included in the area declared by the Texas Forest Service to be in a state of drought; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County has instituted a ban on outdoor burning for the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City, under the authority of §14-21 of the City's Code of Ordinances, desires to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City by instituting a ban on outdoor burning for the City during the drought; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

THE MAYOR OF SIMONTON, TEXAS HEREBY ORDERS:

SECTION 1. THAT, pursuant to §14-21 of the City's Code of Ordinances, a City-wide ban on outdoor burning shall be effective immediately and shall continue until the first to occur of: 1. The lifting of the County's ban; or, 2. The lifting of the City's ban through a subsequent Order of the Mayor or through action of the City Council.

SECTION 2. THAT, the following are exemptions permitted to this ban: 1. Exemptions authorized by the County's fire marshal, or the chief or assistant chief of the Fulshear-Simonton Volunteer Fire Department; 2. Small amounts of non-toxic household trash may be burned during the ban on outdoor burning, during daylight hours, in an enclosed container (example - a burn barrel with a screen wire or metal mesh cover over the top) provided there is a water hose with water at the fire and the person doing the burning remains at the fire until it is fully extinguished and wet down; and 3. Burning conducted for the purpose of noncommercial cooking or heating in a device designated for such purpose by the manufacturer, provided such device is designed to contain all flames and sparks.

SO ORDERED on this, the 15th day of October 2024.

FOR THE CITY OF SIMONTON:


LAURIE BOUDREAUX, MAYOR