

## **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**,

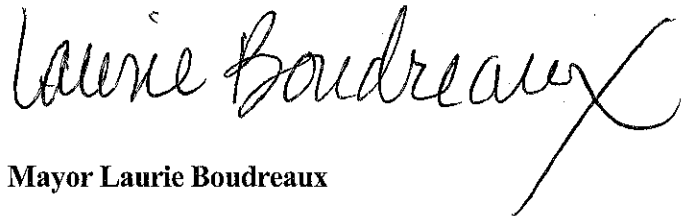
### **THE MAYOR OF SIMONTON, TEXAS HEREBY ORDERS:**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.**

**FOR THE CITY OF SIMONTON**



**Mayor Laurie Boudreaux**