

## **DECLARATION OF BURN BAN FOR LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, Lavaca County has experienced dry weather conditions which has created a potential for wildfires;

**WHEREAS**, Lavaca County is averaging over 500 on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index;

**WHEREAS**, Lavaca County Judge is authorized to declare a Burn Ban during periods in which the atmospheric conditions increase a risk in brush fires and uncontrolled fires;

**WHEREAS**, the risk of uncontrolled fires are a threat to the public health, safety, and the general welfare of Lavaca County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE LAVACA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THIS BURN BAN DECLARATION SHALL PROHIBIT ALL OPEN AND RECREATIONAL FIRES UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE AND WILL EXPIRE IN 90 DAYS OR UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY COURT ORDER OF THE COURT:**

1. No Campfires unless used for religious, heat source, or food preparation;
2. No Bonfires or burning of construction debris;
3. No unpermitted controlled burns;
4. No burning of yard and household trash unless in an enclosed barrel or proper container with a screen cover;
5. No ignition of fireworks;

This Burn Ban shall not prohibit burning permitted by the Texas Forest Service or firework displays approved by the authority having jurisdiction and will remain in effect until the Keetch-Byram Drought Index remains below an average of 500 for Lavaca County, and the Court deems it is safe to lift the burn ban.

ANY PERSON WHO REFUSES TO  
COMPLY OR VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN SHALL BE IN VIOLATION OF LAVACA  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, AND MAY BE  
PUNISHED ACCORDING TO LAW, AND UPON SUCH CONVICTION FOR  
SUCH OFFENSE, MAY BE PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE  
HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) OR BY IMPRISONMENT BY A TERM NOT TO  
EXCEED SIXTY (60) DAYS IN THE COUNTY JAIL OR BOTH.

Keith Mudd

Keith Mudd  
Lavaca County Judge

March 30<sup>th</sup> 2026

Date

**Filed**

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