DECLARATION OF BURN BAN
FOR LAVACA COUNTY, TEXAS
March 18, 2025

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

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

WHEREAS, Lavaca County Commissioners Court is authorized to declare a Burn Ban during periods in which the atmospheric conditions increase the risk of uncontrolled fires;

WHEREAS, the risk of uncontrolled fires is 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, UNLESS CANCELED BY AUTHORITY OF THIS COURT:

LIMITATIONS:

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 burn container with a screen cover or spark arrestor;

5. No ignition of aerial 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 THE 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.

March 18th 2025
Date

Keith Mudd
Lavaca County Judge

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BARBARA K. STEFFEK, CLERK
COUNTY COURT, LAVACA CO., TX
By _____ Deputy