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**DECLARATION RATIFYING THE 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 Commissioners Court 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.

WHEREAS, the Lavaca County Judge implemented the burn ban on March 30, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE
LAVACA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON THIS 6th DAY OF April, 2026**

**THIS 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 lifts the burn.

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.



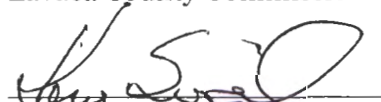
Keith Mudd
Lavaca County Judge



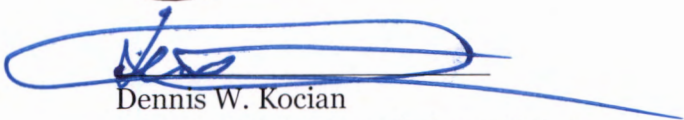
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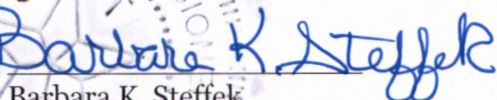


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Barbara K. Steffek
Lavaca County Clerk

