

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court find that circumstances present in all of unincorporated areas of Collin County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by Commissioners' Court of Collin County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Collin County for 90 days from the 21st day of February 2009, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081 and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

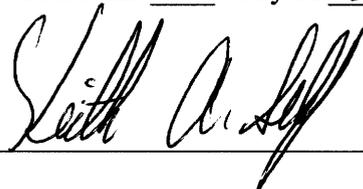
In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ORDER ISSUED on the 21th Day of Feb 2009

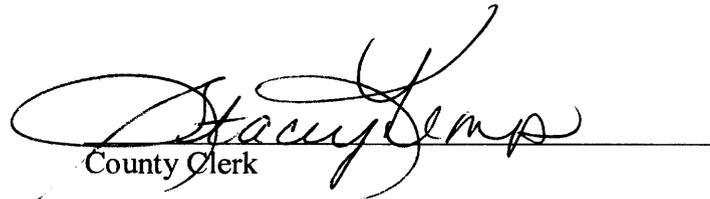


Keith Self, County Judge

ADOPTED and approved by the Commissioners' Court this 27th day of Feb 2009 by a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.



Attest:



County Clerk



EXECUTIVE ORDER _____

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued the 21st day of February 2009; the County Judge of Collin County declared a state of disaster for Collin County, resulting from;

THE POTENTIAL THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management, specifically Chapter 418.108 (a) of the Government Code;

NOW THEREFORE, the following additional regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this order and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated:

THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN AN OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT BY ANY PERSON IS PROHIBITED.

Combustible materials include, but are not limited to, the use and discharge of all fireworks (aerial and non-aerial 1.4G fireworks), discarding of cigarettes, cigars or other flammable materials, materials used in activities such as welding or any other activity that could result in a fire in an outdoor environment. Where welding, cutting, open torches and other hot work operations and equipment are used in an outdoor environment Chapter 26 of the International Fire Code shall be complied with.

The prohibited use of fireworks does not include an authorized public display that has been permitted under Section 2154.204 of the Texas Occupations Code for Class B Fireworks (Fireworks 1.3G) Singular or Multiple Display Permit

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500.00.

The purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current drought and severe weather conditions curtailing the use of all combustible materials.

Issued this 21st Day of February 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Self", is written over a horizontal line.

Keith Self, County Judge, Collin County