

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS
IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Fort Bend County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County is authorized under Texas Local Government Code Section 352.051, to issue an order restricting or prohibiting the sale or use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of October, 2024, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioner's Court of Fort Bend County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County, Texas, as follows:

- A. A person may not sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified as "skyrockets with sticks" under 49 C.F.R. part 173.100(r)(2) (10-01-86 edition) or missiles with fins in any portion of the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County.
- B. This Order does not prohibit "permissible fireworks" as authorized in Occupations Code Section 2154.003(a).
- C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.
- D. This order is effective upon execution by County and expires on the dates the Texas Forest Service determines drought conditions no longer exist in the County or at midnight on November 8, 2024, whichever is earlier.

Approved this the _____ day of _____ 2024, by the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court.

KP George, County Judge

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk