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Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court Issues Burn Ban

FORT BEND COUNTY, TX – During its regular session on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court approved an outdoor burn ban for all unincorporated areas of the county.

As extreme heat persists and drought conditions worsen, the risk of wildfires continues to increase. The Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office has been closely monitoring the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) – a standard tool used to assess wildfire potential. The index ranges from 0 (no moisture depletion) to 800 (extremely dry conditions). As of October 7, 2025, Fort Bend County's KBDI reading was 603, indicating significantly dry conditions.

After reviewing drought index data and the extended forecast showing continued heat and minimal rainfall, Commissioners Court determined that current conditions present a potential public safety hazard.

Under the Declaration and Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in Fort Bend County, residents are prohibited from burning or ordering another to burn any materials outdoors unless the fire is entirely contained within an enclosure designed to confine all flames, sparks, embers, and ash. This order restricts the use of open flames, including the burning of trash, campfires, burn barrels, and other open-flame devices.

County Judge KP George is authorized to rescind this declaration upon consultation with the County Fire Marshal when drought conditions improve and hazardous circumstances no longer exist.

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