

**STAYS IN FULL**

**ORDER BY  
THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TRAVIS COUNTY**

**County Judge Order No. 2023-1 Relating the Declaration regarding Wildfire Danger,  
Drought and Weather Conditions**

**Recitals**

**Whereas**, on August 15, 2023, Travis County Judge Andy Brown, acting in accordance with authority granted by §418.108 of the Texas Government Code, declared a local state of disaster for Travis County due to the wildfire danger resulting from severe heat and drought conditions and causing an imminent threat of injury, loss of life, and property damage, and which conditions continue to exist; and;

**Whereas**, on August 11, 2023, Governor Greg Abbott a issued disaster proclamation for 191 Counties, including Travis County based on the existence of wildfires beginning on July 24, 2023 that pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life and further certifying that such conditions continue to exist in accordance with §418.017 of the Texas Government Code, and authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

**Whereas**, on August 22, 2023, the Travis County Commissioners Court approved the continuation of the Local State of Disaster; and

**Whereas**, Travis County is continuing to experience severe heat and drought conditions creating widespread and significant wildfire danger which poses an imminent threat to persons and property within Travis County; and

**Whereas**, Travis County is currently under a burn ban order for the entire County; and

**Whereas**, the use of fireworks during this state of disaster pose a substantial and imminent threat to persons and property in Travis County; and

**Whereas**, the County Judge of Travis County has determined from information provided by emergency management personnel and the Travis County Fire Marshal, that the above conditions pose an imminent threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property due to the threat of wildfire danger in Travis County and emergency protective measures must be taken.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE  
OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:**

1. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes.

2. Effective immediately, the use of fireworks in Travis County, without a permit issued by the Travis County Fire Marshal, is hereby PROHIBITED.

3. That this Order pursuant to the Disaster Declaration shall be transmitted to the Office of the Governor with a request that this Order pursuant to the Disaster Declaration remain in full force and effect beyond 60 hours from the date of its issuance and that it be extended until such time as the Travis County Burn Ban Order is lifted.

4. Enforcement. Pursuant to Section 418.173, Texas Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates any directive legally authorized and issued by this Order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

5. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

6. That this Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 8th day of September 2023.

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*Andy Brown*

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Andy Brown, County Judge  
County of Travis, Texas

Filed with the Clerk of Travis County:

*Dyana Limon-Mercado*

Dyana Limon-Mercado, County Clerk

Date: 9-8-23



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