COUNTY OF GLASSCOCK §

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Glasscock County Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Glasscock County that outdoor burning is restricted in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the expiration of this Order, 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 restricts outdoor burning as follows:

- 1. The use of combustible material in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to the use of all fireworks, brush and open campfires, discarded cigarettes and materials used outdoors in activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire.
- 2. Notwithstanding No. 1, above, outdoor welding shall be allowed under the following circumstances:
 - A. Welding, grinding and cutting associated with welding activities shall not take place when the wind is over 15 mile per hour: water must be readily available at all times.
 - B. All grass, leaves, brush and other easily combustible materials must be cleared within a fifty (50) foot radius surrounding the area where the activity is to take place before any welding, grinding or cutting begins.
- 3. Outdoor use of above ground cooking grills will be allowed in a safe area, clear of debris.
- 4. Burning of household trash will be allowed if burned in metal barrels covered with heavy metal grate and barrels are placed in an area clear of grass and debris. No burning will be allowed if winds are in excess of 20 miles per hour. No burning within 300 feet of adjacent property or grassland or wooded area.

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.

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

The County Judge may rescind this Order upon a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2013.- Renewed and Extended on April 12, 2021

COUNTY JUDGE

CHARLES GULLY

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Attest:

COUNTY CLERK