



## NEWS RELEASE

March 27, 2018

On today's date, **March 27, 2018**, due to the extreme lack of rain, higher than normal temperatures and dry vegetation Midland County Judge, Mike Bradford on the recommendation of County Fire Marshal Dale Little signed the Midland County, burn ban for outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Midland County beginning on the **First** day (**1<sup>st</sup>**) of **April 2018**. This burn ban was authorized today during the Midland County Commissioner's Court meeting. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code § 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor cooking activates in approved containers or 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 § 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of § 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.

This order is effective **Sunday, April 1, 2018** and will continue for a period of **45** days until **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

If you have any questions please fill free to contact me at 432-688-4160.

M. Dale Little,  
County Fire Marshal/EMC



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ALISON HALEY  
COUNTY CLERK  
MIDLAND COUNTY, TX.  
BY *Alison Haley*

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF MIDLAND   §

**ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, the 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 County Judge of Midland County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the County for **(45)** days from the date of start date of this Order, and to end on **May 15, 2018** 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 cooking activities in approved containers or 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 § 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of § 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

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ADOPTED this **27th** day of **March, 2018** and to start on the **First (1st)** day of **April, 2018** by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

*Michael R. Bradford*  
Michael R. Bradford  
Midland County Judge

Attest:

*Alison Haley*  
Alison Haley  
Midland County Clerk