

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF HUTCHINSON)

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS
IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HUTCHINSON COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of November, 2016, the Commissioners Court of Hutchinson County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Hutchinson County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Hutchinson County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Hutchinson County.

- A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part 173.100(4)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Hutchinson County.
- B. This order does not prohibit:
 - 1. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;
 - 2. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. [TEX.OCC.CODE, Chapter 2154].
- 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 expires on the date the Texas Forest service determines drought conditions no longer exist in the county or January 1, 2017, whichever is earlier.

APPROVED THIS THE 28th DAY OF November, 2016 BY THE HUTCHINSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.


Cindy Irwin, County Judge

ATTEST:


Jan Barnes, County Clerk

