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Disaster Declaration issued due to ongoing wildfire threat

Due to the continuing threat of wildfires caused by extreme drought conditions in Tarrant County's unincorporated areas, Tarrant County Judge Tim O'Hare on Wednesday issued an additional Disaster Declaration for Tarrant County for the next seven days.

High temperatures are expected to exceed 100 degrees for the remainder of the week. The extreme heat, combined with low humidity and gusty winds, have created the need to take extraordinary measures to protect the lives and properties of the residents of the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County.

This declaration prohibits general outside burning in the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County. Outdoor cooking, welding and the use of firepits for social gatherings are not prohibited. A violation of the Disaster Declaration is a Class C Misdemeanor and punishable by a fine up to \$500.

During this Declaration there will be no authorized controlled burning without the approval of the Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office, excluding cooking, welding and the use of firepits as described above.

For information on Outdoor Cooking and Welding Guidelines, go to www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/burnban

The Tarrant County Fire Marshal's Office urges all residents of Tarrant County to help us during this time and be aware of the conditions around you at all times.

The Fire Marshal's Office strongly suggests that you keep a 30-foot perimeter mowed around your home and outbuildings to prevent a fire from reaching your structures.

Please help us keep Tarrant County safe.

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OFFICE OF COUNTY JUDGE
TIM O'HARE

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DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR TARRANT COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Tarrant on the 26th day of July, 2023 is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the threat of wildfires due to drought; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Tarrant County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to prevent the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF TARRANT COUNTY:

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Tarrant County pursuant to Chapter 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration, but shall expire on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County pursuant to Chapter 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.
3. This Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Tarrant County pursuant to Chapter 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code.
4. This Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Tarrant County Emergency Plan pursuant to Chapter 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.
5. This Declaration prohibits general outside burning in the unincorporated areas of Tarrant County. Outdoor cooking, welding and the use of firepits for social gatherings are not prohibited. It is recommended that residents follow the guidelines provided by the County Fire Marshal. These guidelines are posted on the Tarrant County website, www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/burnban.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, ORDERED THIS THE 26th DAY OF JULY, 2023.

Tim O'Hare
County Judge