

DECLARATION OF DISASTER AND ORDER
PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING
HUNT COUNTY

WHEREAS, County of Hunt on this 18 day of August 2026 is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from:

THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND OTHER WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS; AND

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

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

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Hunt County pursuant to § 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. Pursuant to § 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Hunt County.
3. Pursuant to § 418.108 (c) of the Texas Government Code, 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 Hunt County.
4. Pursuant to § 418.108 (d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Hunt County Emergency Management Plan.

This Declaration 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 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. This Resolution also does not prohibit the use of welders, cutting torches, and similar tools and machinery; however, it is required that while using such implements a separate individual is required to be present to observe for fires and sparks and to have some type of fire extinguisher present; nor does this Resolution prohibit any outdoor cooking activities in an enclosed apparatus, designed for cooking purpose.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, ORDERED THIS THE 18th DAY OF August 2026.


Bobby W. Stovall
Hunt County Judge