## ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WINKLER COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of Winkler County is authorized under Occupations Code Section 2154.202(h), to issue an order allowing retail fireworks permit holders to sell fireworks to the public in celebration of Texas Independence Day; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, the Commissioners Court of Winkler County has determined that conditions are favorable to issue such an order;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commissioners Court of Winkler County adopts this Order authorizing the sale of fireworks to the public by retail fireworks permit holders during the Texas Independence Day period beginning February 25, 2025 and ending at midnight March 2, 2025, subject to the following restrictions:

- A. A person may not sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way, use fireworks classified as "skyrockets with sticks" under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r) (2) (10-1-86 edition), or "missiles with fins" in the unincorporated areas of Winkler County.
- B. This Order does not prohibit "permissible fireworks" as authorized in Occupations Code Section 2154.003(a).
- 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 at midnight, March 2, 2025, whichever is earlier.

APPROVED THIS the 27th DAY OF JANUARY 2025, BY THE WINKLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Charles M. Wolf, Winkler County Judge

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all 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 Winkler County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by: (1) the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or (2) the Commissioners' Court based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. 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; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code §153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code §153.047.

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.

ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2025 by a vote of \_\_\_

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CHARLES M. WOLF WINKLER COUNTY JUDGE

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