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AGENDA PLACEMENT MEMO

DATE: September 30, 2025
TO: Commissioners Court
FROM: Chief Mike Lugo
SUBJECT: Burn Ban

REQUESTED ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the issuance of a county-wide burn ban for a period not to exceed 90 days and authorize the Commissioners Court, and/or the County Judge the authority to lift the order banning outdoor burning if conditions improve

BACKGROUND

Williamson County has been seeing increased drought conditions throughout the past few weeks. There is minimal rain in the forecast. I recommend that our county goes into a Burn Ban until our area receives an adequate amount of rain to add fuel moisture to the vegetation, and humidity levels increase. Our area fire departments have been doing an outstanding job controlling the wildfires that do start. Multiple fire departments in our county have also been contributing and responding as a Wildland Task Force when requested in our county. This consists of multiple wildland (brush) trucks, a water tender truck, a Type-1 Fire Engine (Fire Engine), and a command vehicle (Taskforce Leader).

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Increased Level of readiness for Fire Marshal staff responses to potential violations and wildfires.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

This order shall remain in effect until the Burn Ban is requested to be terminated by Williamson County Fire Marshal or the County Judge and/or the Commissioners' Court determines that drought conditions have improved due to sufficient precipitation that will be sustained.