

RESOLUTION NO. 08-1286

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EULESS, TEXAS, IMPLEMENTING A BURN BAN AND PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the City of Euless has not had adequate rainfall for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the present dry conditions pose the threat of dangerous grass fires; and

WHEREAS, the present meteorological conditions and the dry plant life create an imminent threat of widespread and severe damage, injury and loss of life and property resulting from a man made cause, namely fire and a natural cause, namely drought; and

WHEREAS, the City of Euless finds that the conditions herein described persist in all parts of the City of Euless and these conditions create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor fires; and

WHEREAS, the City of Euless is acting under the authority of Ordinance No. 1741 codified as Section 34-135, "Special Provisions for Periods of Extreme Fire Danger", of the City of Euless Code of Ordinances and seeks to implement a burn ban in the City of Euless.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF EULESS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1

THAT the following conditions are prohibited in the City of Euless:

- (a) A person shall not operate an outdoor cooking appliance other than grills which are fueled by electricity, gas or charcoal.
- (b) Outdoor cooking appliances shall not be operated on or within five feet of a combustible surface, or over vegetation unless said vegetation is adequately wetted prior to the cooking operation and a charged water hose is kept within 15 feet of the cooking appliance.
- (c) A person shall not operate any device including grills, cooking pits, outdoor fireplaces, fire rings or similar devices that use an open flame and are capable of releasing sparks or embers into the atmosphere.

- (d) A person shall not perform any outdoor burning.
- (e) The use of grills at city park facilities is prohibited.
- (f) A person shall not conduct a cutting or welding operation outside of specific guidelines as may be imposed by the fire marshal, including specific time and weather requirements, special fire watch requirements, pre-wetting requirements and other actions as may be deemed necessary by the fire marshal. A special permit program is in effect for cutting and welding operations during periods of burn bans. A written authorization is required from the fire marshal's office approving the operation and listing any special requirements prior to work commencing.
- (g) Discarding of cigarettes or other burning or heated materials in a manner that could cause a fire is prohibited.

SECTION 2

THAT provisions of this order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and continue through October 1, 2008.

APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Euless City Council on the 12th day of August, 2008, by a vote of _____ ayes, _____ nays, and _____ abstentions.

APPROVED:

Mary Lib Saleh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Crim, TRMC, City Secretary