

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BELL

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**ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS
IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BELL COUNTY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Bell County, in that a Keetch-Byram Drought Index of 575 or greater exists; and

WHEREAS, on the 11th of June, 2018, the Commissioners Court of Bell County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Bell County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Bell County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Bell County.

- A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100 (r) (2) (10-1-86 edition), as “skyrockets with sticks” and “missiles with fins” in any portion of the unincorporated area of Bell 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 prohibiting certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Bell County, Texas begins at 12:00 a.m. June 12, 2018 and expires on the date the Texas Forest Service determines drought conditions no longer exists in the county or July 9, 2018, which ever is earlier.

**APPROVED THIS THE 11th DAY OF June 2018, BY THE Bell COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT.**



JON H. BURROWS, County Judge