

Ordinance Number 2008-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIESEL, TEXAS
PROHIBITING OUTSIDE BURNING AND PROVIDING FOR
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND RESCINDING ALL ORDINANCES IN
CONFLICT

WHEREAS, outdoor burning during periods of drought creates an unreasonable risk of uncontrolled spread of fire, endangers the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Riesel, and poses a threat to buildings and structures located within the City of Riesel; and

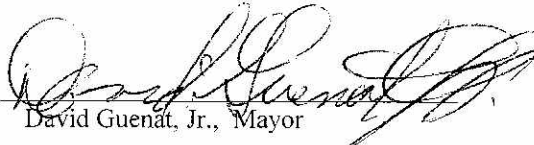
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Riesel finds that it is necessary to prohibit outdoor burning during periods when a McLennan County Burn Ban is in effect in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Riesel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIESEL, TEXAS, THAT:

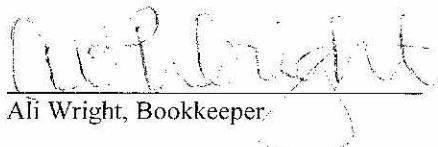
1. It shall be unlawful for any person to ignite, burn, or cause to be burned any trash, leaves, limbs, debris, clippings, or other combustible material upon any premises within the city limits of the City of Riesel, Texas during any period when a burn ban has been declared by the McLennan County Commissioners Court or the County Judge.
2. It shall not be unlawful under Section 1 above for a person to cook on an outdoor grill or enclosed pit if the fire is sufficiently contained within the covered grill or enclosed pit so as to prevent escape and spread of the fire. This Ordinance also does not make it unlawful the burning of such materials in a stove or fireplace within a building or residence provided with proper flues and chimneys.
3. A person who violates this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 per violation.
4. This Ordinance shall become effective from the date of its publication in accordance with Section 52.011 of the Local Government Code.
5. This Ordinance rescinds all other Ordinances previously enacted by the City Council of the City of Riesel, Texas, to extent in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 2nd day of December 2008.

CITY OF RIESEL, TEXAS

By: 
David Guenat, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Ali Wright, Bookkeeper