



ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title:

Consideration and ACTION to approve the first reading of an ordinance of the City of Los Fresnos, Texas, prohibiting outdoor burning within the city limits; providing limited exceptions consistent with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations; incorporating state law authority; establishing a permit process; providing for automatic amendment; providing penalties; and providing for severability and effective date.

Recommendation:

We have always followed TCEQ regulations and Texas laws on burning in the City. It is better to have specific language for the city along with a process and form. Staff has combined this information into a city ordinance so it is very clear. Burning can only occur for Agricultural, Land Clearing, Emergency or Public Safety, TCEQ Authorized Burns, or special instances that otherwise are not listed. Exempt burns include recreational cooking fires and firefighter training. This has been reviewed by the City Fire Marshal and the Fire Chief.

I recommend approval.