



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Sara L. Hensley, CPRP, Director  
Austin Parks and Recreation Department

**DATE:** July 15, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Parks Burning Restriction Order for City Parkland

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Due to the current drought conditions, wildfires are a serious potential hazard to the City's parks and surrounding communities. In an effort to protect our parks and pursuant to Ordinance No. 20111102-025, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) is issuing a Parks Burning Restriction within all City parkland to be effective immediately.

Smoking, open fires and grilling, with the exception of propane grills and stoves, are prohibited on all City owned parkland. Violations of this Parks Burning Restriction will result in a fine between \$300 and \$500.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be monitoring the forecast, fire risk and drought conditions on a weekly basis to determine when this Parks Burning Restriction can be lifted.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 512-974-6717.

**Cc:** Marc A. Ott, City Manager  
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