




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Kimberly A. McNeeley, M.Ed, CPRP, Director  
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

**DATE:** October 6, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Initiation of Parks Burning Restriction for City Parkland

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In accordance with established criteria, the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) has issued a Parks Burning Restriction effective October 11, 2021. Due to the recent lower rainfall levels and temperatures in the upper 80s, the following indicators meet the criteria for termination: KBDI (Keetch-Byram Drought Index) consistently above 400, Travis County daily forecast fire danger is in the moderate category and a weather forecast consistent with current conditions. The initiation of the Parks Burning Restriction is effective for all City of Austin parkland pursuant to Ordinance No. 20111020-025.

The Department is committed to protecting the city's parks and surrounding communities and will be re-evaluating the wildfire risk on an ongoing basis. If conditions lessen and the threat of wildfire decreases, the Department will terminate the Parks Burning Restriction to be effective immediately at that time.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office at (512) 974-6717.

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