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**El Paso County Commissioners Prohibit “Sticks and Fins”  
Fireworks This Fourth of July**

**EL PASO, TX** — On Monday morning, El Paso County Commissioners adopted an order prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks in the classification of “skyrockets with sticks” or “missiles with fins,” commonly referred to as “sticks and fins,” in any portion of the unincorporated areas of El Paso County.

The Commissioners’ Court has determined that the normal fire danger in unincorporated areas of El Paso County has increased due to the extremely dry conditions. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) for El Paso is 750, which exceeds the threshold needed for the implementation of this order.

This order is NOT a complete ban of fireworks. The Court understands the implications these orders have on small businesses and takes these decisions very seriously. On Monday, fireworks vendors shared their thoughts with the Court. Commissioners have also had individual meetings with vendors to arrive at this informed and responsible decision.

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