

ORDER FOR RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Washington County has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would increase the severity by outdoor brush burning:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Washington County that outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for ninety (90) days from the date of the adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning of household garbage in screened barrels or properly constructed screen pits; and outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

This order goes into effect on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

All or part of this order may be rescinded at any time by the County Judge.

Adopted this 14th day of October, 2025, by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.



John Durrenberger, County Judge



Misti Hartstack Corn, Commissioner Pct. 1



Candice Bullock, Commissioner Pct. 2



Kirk Hanath, Commissioner Pct. 3



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