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COUNTY OF JONES §

ORDER PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Jones County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of Jones County.

This prohibition is for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made 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 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 Resource Code, and meets the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resource Code.

The outdoor burning of any waste, whether household or not, is prohibited **unless it is contained within a covered barrel**.

The outdoor burning for agricultural purposes is exempted from restriction but only for brush piles and grass waterways with a minimum plowed or cleared firebreak of 300 feet. In addition, anyone that desires to claim this exemption must contact the Jones County dispatch at 325-823-4604 at least one hour prior to the burning of the brush piles or waterways and wind speeds shall not exceed 15 miles per hour.

Private outdoor cooking is allowed if restricted to a covered, enclosed cooking devices such as smokers or gas grills. Private outdoor cooking is also allowed only if adult supervision is provided and such cooking device is not left unattended for any reason. Private outdoor cooking is allowed is the cooking device is stationary and not located in an area containing easily burned materials such as grass or brush. Private outdoor cooking is also allowed only if water is available and the area around the cooking device is soaked before use. Fire, coals, or other burning embers should be extinguished when cooking is completed.

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 $500.00.

ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2026

COUNTY JUDGE

Attest:

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JONES COUNTY, TEXAS