

ORDER OF THE LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
PROHIBITING THE OUTDOOR BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
LIMESTONE COUNTY

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LIMESTONE COUNTY, TX

On this, the 28th of July, 2026, came before the Court consideration of the need to enact an order to prohibit or restrict outdoor burning in all or a portion of the unincorporated areas of Limestone County.

WHEREAS, after a review of local information relative to drought conditions including information provided by the National Weather Service, the Texas Forest Service's Keetch-Byram Drought Index and various individuals who have knowledge of the current dry conditions in the unincorporated areas, the Court makes the finding that, there has been prolonged dry and windy conditions which have contributed to the absence of ground moisture and the existence of dry vegetation in large portions of the unincorporated areas of Limestone County; and

WHEREAS, local weather forecasts indicate that these dry, windy conditions are projected to continue, with no reasonable expectation of significant, appreciable rainfall expected in the near future;

THEREFORE, based on the above, the Court hereby determines that circumstances exist in the unincorporated areas of Limestone County that create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning and that Limestone County meets the drought criteria necessary to prohibit outdoor burning in all unincorporated areas of Limestone County, as per the provision of the Local Government Code 352.0881;

NOW THEREFORE, and after due consideration of same, *THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF LIMESTONE COUNTY HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING ORDER*, to be effective immediately, and continuing until the earlier of 90 days from this date *or* date of Commissioners' Court, by official action, terminates this Order, whichever comes earlier:

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING
IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LIMESTONE COUNTY

A. Effective immediately, *outdoor burning is prohibited in all unincorporated areas of Limestone County, Texas*, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code 352.081;

B. A person commits an offense if the person violates the prohibition established by the Order. An offense under this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote, **this 28th day of July 2026**, by the Limestone County Commissioners' Court.



Richard Duncan, County Judge