

**TATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF STEPHENS §**

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING (RENEWAL)

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Stephens County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county to **begin immediately, October 13, 2025, for 90 days from the adoption of this Order, the same being January 11, 2026**, 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, including:

1. Firefighter training;
2. Public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or
3. Planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or
4. Burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under §153.048, Texas Natural Resources Code, and meeting the standards of §153.047, Texas Natural Resources Code.

Additional Safety Requirements

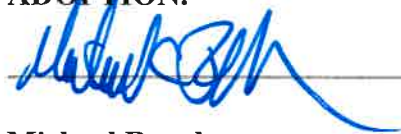
1. **Spotter Requirement:**
Any person performing work that involves an open flame, welding, cutting torch, or similar equipment shall have a **dedicated spotter** on site whose sole responsibility is to supervise the work area for fire hazards and ensure safety measures are in place.
 2. **Water Source:**
A minimum of **50 gallons of water** must be immediately available at the work site. The water shall be equipped with an adequate dispensing mechanism, such as a **pump and hose**, to enable rapid suppression of any fire.
 3. **Notification to Authorities:**
Prior to engaging in any open flame or hot work activity, the responsible party must **notify the Breckenridge Fire Department** of the activity location by calling **(254) 559-6242**.
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The County Judge may rescind this Order upon a determination that the circumstances requiring it no longer exist.

In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order constitutes a **Class C misdemeanor**, punishable by a fine not to exceed **\$500.00**.

ADOPTED this **13th day of October, 2025**, by vote of the Stephens County Commissioners Court.

THIS RENEWED BURN BAN SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.



Michael Roach
Stephens County Judge

ATTEST:
Jackie Ensey
Stephens County Clerk

