



STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HOPKINS §

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 Hopkins County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in all areas of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by: (1) the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or (2) the County Judge and the County Fire Marshal based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

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 Natural Resources Code §153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code §153.047; (5) commercial welding projects w/plan of action on file.

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 13th day of January, 2026 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

Wesley Miller, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Greg Anglin, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Travis Thompson, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Joe Price, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Nancy Smith COUNTY CLERK



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HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS

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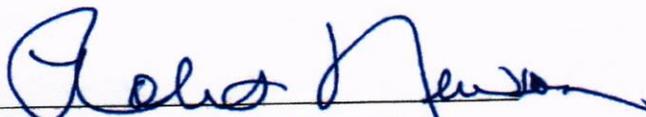
**WHEREAS**, Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge finds that conditions in the county's unincorporated areas pose a public safety hazard worsened by outdoor burning, and the Texas Forest Service confirms drought conditions;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Hopkins County from the order's date, unless terminated earlier by the Texas Forest Service or the Court. This order is issued under Local Government Code Section 352.081 and other relevant laws.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if welding and hot work are restricted, adequate fire suppressant must be nearby, and combustible materials cleared within a set radius (e.g., 25 feet). Outdoor cooking on grills is allowed in safe, clear, and supervised areas.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the order is effective immediately for seven (7) days, subject to extension or earlier termination, and shall be publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

**APPROVED AND SO ORDERED** this the 9 day of January, 2026 at 9:30 AM

  
Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

**ATTEST:**  
  
Tracy Smith, Hopkins County Clerk

