

Order Number 2026-01-02CC

AN ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS

Commissioners Court's Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Rusk County, Texas, has been advised of the present drought conditions and fire weather; and

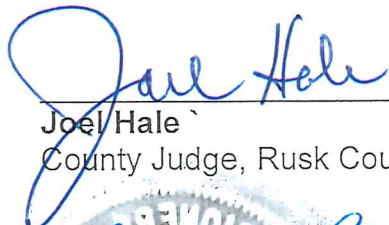
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that conditions in the county's unincorporated areas pose a public safety hazard that outdoor burning would worsen; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court is authorized to prohibit or restrict outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county under Texas Local Government Code, Section 352.081;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Rusk County, Texas, that:

1. Outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Rusk County.
2. Exceptions include outdoor burning for public health and safety authorized by the TCEQ, and burns conducted by a certified prescribed burn manager following Texas Natural Resources Code requirements.
3. Outdoor cooking in contained grills or fire pits is allowed with adequate fire suppressant on site.
4. This order is effective immediately for no more than 90 days, unless ended earlier or renewed.
5. Violating this order is a Class C misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500.

Adopted this the 8 day of January, 2026.


Joel Hale
County Judge, Rusk County


Trudy McGill
County Clerk, Rusk County

Commissioners:


Pct. 1-Randy Gaut


Pct. 3 Greg Gibson


Pct. 2 Robert Kuykendall


Pct. 4 Bennie Whitworth