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Culberson County Commissioners Court Renews Countywide Burn Ban in Unincorporated Areas

Culberson County, Texas — The Culberson County Commissioners Court has renewed the county burn ban, continuing the prohibition of all outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Culberson County due to heightened wildfire risk from dry grass conditions and gusty winds.

The burn ban order is issued under the authority of Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code and is effective February 9, 2026, remaining in place for 90 days (through May 9, 2026) unless repealed or expired earlier in accordance with state law.

What the burn ban means

- All outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Culberson County.
- Violations are punishable as a Class “C” misdemeanor as defined in Section 352.081(h).

Limited exceptions

The order allows only specific activities authorized by permit through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (including firefighter training, certain public utility work, natural gas pipeline or mining operations, certain agricultural activities, and prescribed burn management as allowed by law). Agricultural burning may also be allowed only when authorized and permitted by the appropriate agency as required by law.

County officials urge residents and visitors to use extreme caution to prevent wildfires, avoid activities that can create sparks, and report smoke or suspicious fire activity immediately to local emergency services.

Order adopted February 9, 2026, and signed by Carlos G. Urias, with attestation by Tina Urias.