

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Cottle

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Cottle County has determined 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 Cottle County that all outdoor burning (with the exception of burning household trash in a closed container, e.g., a barrel with a screened cover) is banned in the unincorporated area of the County until August 10, 2026 beginning Monday, July 13, 2026 unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Cottle County Commissioners 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 Natural Resources Commission 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 ban manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

This order does not apply to any burns that are conducted in accordance with a plan that has been approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

This order does not apply to any burns that are conducted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in accordance with a plan designed and approved by their department burn guidelines.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081, a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature on behalf of the Commissioners Court of Cottle County on this 13th day of July, 2026.



Karl Holloway
Cottle County Judge

Attest:



Vickey Wederski
Cottle County Clerk