

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF PALO PINTO

**ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING**  
**(Phase 1)**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of Palo Pinto County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Palo Pinto County that all outdoor burning is banned in Palo Pinto County for ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this order, unless these restrictions are modified or terminated based on a determination made by this Court or County Judge. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code, Subchapter D, Section 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) firefighting 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 Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

**This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities as follows: (1) outdoor burning when used solely for recreational and noncommercial preparation of food or exclusively as a means to provide warmth in cold weather (e.g.: campfires and cooking fires) and (2) outdoor cooking on gas fired or charcoal grills.**

**This Order prohibits the burning of brush/tree piles when clearing land.**

**This Order prohibits the use of aerial luminaries, known as “Sky Lanterns, Kong-Ming Lanterns or Chinese Lanterns”.**

A violation of this Order is a Class "C" misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00. (Section 352.081 (h), Local Government Code.)

ADOPTED this 23 day of March 2026, by the Commissioners Court of Palo Pinto County, Texas by a voice vote without opposition.

  
SHANE LONG, County Judge



  
RICHARD RALLS  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
MIKE REED  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
JIM POLLOCK  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
JEFF FRYER  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

  
JANETTE K. GREEN, County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_