



STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF JASPER

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## CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF DISASTER

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### ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Jasper County Commissioners Court met in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Jasper County Courthouse, Jasper, Texas on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

WHEREAS, the County of Jasper, Texas, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026, was in imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from countywide drought conditions, which continue to exist to this date. Such conditions have created a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect or rehabilitate property and are necessary and hereby ordered.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF JASPER COUNTY:

- I. That a local state of disaster was declared by the County Judge for Jasper County, Texas, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code.
- II. Pursuant to Section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than **44 days** from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas.
- III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the county Emergency Management Plan.

- V. This Declaration includes a restriction authorized by Section 352.081 of the Texas Local Government Code, restricting outdoor burning during drought conditions.
- VI. It is hereby Ordered that all outdoor burning **or** outdoor burning of trash, brush, trees, storm debris, construction material debris or open campfires is prohibited until expiration of this Order, unless renewed, continued or rescinded by the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas or rescinded by the County Judge on behalf of the Commissioners Court in the event that sufficient precipitation is received within Jasper County, Texas to greatly relieve countywide drought conditions.
- VII. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- VIII. This Order shall not apply to burning of vegetative material when such burning is performed in accordance with a prescribed plan which addresses the useful nature of such activity such as natural resource management as described by the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- IX. In accordance with Local Government Code Section 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

**ORDERED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 by the Commissioners Court of Jasper County, Texas.



Mark W. Allen, County Judge  
Jasper County, Texas

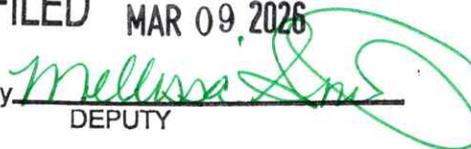
Attest:



Holly Thomas, County Clerk  
Jasper County, Texas

HOLLY THOMAS, COUNTY CLERK  
JASPER COUNTY, TEXAS

**FILED** MAR 09, 2026

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