

ORDER RESCINDING THE RESTRICTION ON OUTDOOR BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ORANGE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County Judge did, on October 21, 2025, adopt an Order restricting outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Orange, and which was extended, pursuant to Sec. 352.081, Texas Local Government Code, and providing a Class C misdemeanor penalty; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that the circumstances described in Local Government Code Sec. 352.081 (c)(2) no longer exist.

I, John H Gothia, County Judge, do hereby Terminate and Vacate the Order of October 21, 2025, which banned outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Orange County, finding that a public safety hazard no longer exists, and this Order shall be effective at 11_a.m. on the 30th day of October 2025.

Signed this 30th day of October, 2025

JUDGE JOHN H. GOTHIA

County Judge

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Press Release October 30, 2025

Effective 11 am today Orange County Judge John Gothia has officially lifted the burn ban that was previously in effect for Orange County due to recent rainfall.

"We appreciate the community's cooperation during the burn ban period," said Orange County Judge John Gothia. "Thanks to everyone's efforts and the recent change in conditions, it's now safe to resume outdoor burning—but we still encourage residents to use caution."

Residents are reminded to:

- Always attend any outdoor fire until it is fully extinguished.
- Avoid burning on windy days.
- Keep water, tools, or a hose nearby in case of emergency.

Orange County Officials will continue to monitor weather and fire conditions closely. Should fire danger increase again, restrictions may be reinstated.