# COUNTY OF FREESTONE

*Commissioners Court*
*Lloyd Lane, County Judge*
*Andy Bonner, Precinct No. 1*
*Will McSwane, Precinct No. 2*
*Richard McGowan, Precinct No. 3*
*Clyde Ridge Jr., Precinct No. 4*

*County Courthouse*
*Commissioners Courtroom*
*118 E. Commerce, Rm. 203*
*Fairfield, Texas 75840*
*903/389-3335 Phone*
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ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, 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 Freestone County Commissioners Court that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court.

This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not apply to outdoor burning activities:

(1) related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:

(A) firefighter training;
(B) public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations; or
(C) planting or harvesting of agriculture crops; or

(2) that are conducted by a certified and insured prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

****The County Judge is authorized to cancel the burn ban if conditions change.****

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

Aye 4 Nay Ø

ADOPTED this the 11th day of February, 2026.

Lloyd Lane, County Judge

Andy Bonner, Commissioner Pct. 1

Will McSwane, Commissioner Pct. 2

Richard McGowan, Commissioner Pct. 3

Clyde Ridge, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: Renee Gregory
Renee Gregory, County Clerk

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RENEE GREGORY
Clerk County Court, Freestone County, Texas
By

**LLOYD L. LANE**
**County Judge**

# COUNTY OF FREESTONE
**FAIRFIELD, TEXAS 75840**
**903-389-3335**

**KAREN E. MOORE**
**Administrative Assistant**

February 9th, 2026

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 4087
Austin, TX 78773-0001

Dear Governor Abbott,

As a result of drought conditions and wildfires that has impacted us, Freestone County is currently facing immense physical and economic losses.

At the beginning of February 1st, 2026, to this date February 9th, 2026, there have been reported 15 grass fires across multiple locations within the county. The wildfires affected approximately 115 acres of land. It is estimated that the damage in our county will well exceed our county threshold for fiscal year 2026.

It has been determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond the capability of Freestone County to control.

Furthermore, I am asking that successive proclamations be issues for Freestone County and remain in effect until the threat of loss of life, injury, or damage property is contained.

Additionally, I certify that the County of Freestone does not have local funding available to make the needed repairs and to provide these citizens with effective relief. Your assistance is this emergency matter, as it affects the safety and health of our citizens would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lloyd L. Lane
Freestone County Judge

**COUNTY OF FREESTONE, TEXAS**
**DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER**
**DUE TO WILDFIRE AND DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

**WHEREAS,** the wildfire and drought conditions event poses a risk to life and property of all residents and businesses in Freestone County; and

**WHEREAS,** Freestone County has taken extraordinary measures to respond to the effects of the wildfires to protect life and property; and

**WHEREAS,** Freestone County established emergency protective measures and emergency response plans for this type of emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS;**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster is hereby declared in Freestone County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to Section 418.108 (b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period not more than seven (7) days from the date the declaration, unless renewed by the Commissioners Court of Freestone County, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108 (c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108 (d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activated the Freestone County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under this declaration.

**SECTION 5.** That this declaration shall take effect February 9th, 2026, and continue upon approval by the Commissioners Court, shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary

**ORDERED** this 9th day of February 2026.

Lloyd Lane, County Judge

**ATTEST:**

Renee Gregory, County Clerk