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# EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-01

CITY OF TATUM, TEXAS

## AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A BURN BAN WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF TATUM AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tatum has determined that current weather conditions and extended periods of dryness have created an increased risk of wildfires; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection of life, property, and public safety requires the implementation of temporary restrictions on outdoor burning; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tatum is authorized under applicable municipal ordinances and state law to restrict outdoor burning when conditions pose a risk to public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to issue a burn ban to reduce the likelihood of fire hazards during these conditions.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Henry, Mayor of the City of Tatum, Texas, by the authority vested in me, do hereby order the following:

### SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF BURN BAN

Effective **March 2, 2026**, all outdoor burning within the city limits of Tatum, Texas, is hereby **prohibited**. This includes, but is not limited to, brush burning, trash burning, and any open flames not otherwise exempt under applicable law.

### SECTION 2. DURATION

This Executive Order shall remain in effect for **ninety (90) days** and is scheduled to **expire on May 31, 2026**, unless extended, modified, or terminated earlier by subsequent order.

### SECTION 3. PENALTIES

Any person found in violation of this Executive Order **may be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500)**, as authorized by municipal ordinance and state law.

### SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT

The Tatum Police Department is hereby directed to enforce this Executive Order.

### SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order is effective immediately upon signature.

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**SIGNED AND ORDERED** this 2nd day of March, 2026, in the City of Tatum, Texas.

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Mayor, City of Tatum

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**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary, City of Tatum

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