

# **CITY OF TATUM, TEXAS**

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-02**

### **DECLARATION OF A TEMPORARY BURN BAN**

**Effective Date:** August 4, 2026

#### **WHEREAS,**

The City of Tatum has experienced prolonged dry conditions, elevated temperatures, and weather conditions that increase the risk of wildfires; and

#### **WHEREAS,**

Such conditions create an imminent threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and property within the City of Tatum; and

#### **WHEREAS,**

It is necessary to take immediate preventative measures to reduce the risk of uncontrolled fires and protect life and property;

#### **NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Michael Henry, Mayor of the City of Tatum, Texas, by the authority vested in me under applicable state and local laws, hereby order the following:

#### **SECTION 1. BURN BAN IMPLEMENTED**

A temporary burn ban is hereby declared and shall become effective immediately on **August 4, 2026**, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by further order or action of the City of Tatum.

#### **SECTION 2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

During the effective period of this burn ban, the following activities are prohibited within the city limits of Tatum:

1. Outdoor burning of brush, leaves, limbs, trash, or other combustible materials.
2. Open campfires, bonfires, and recreational fires.
3. Any outdoor burning activity that could reasonably result in the ignition or spread of fire.

#### **SECTION 3. EXCEPTIONS**

This burn ban shall not apply to:

1. Outdoor cooking devices fueled by propane, natural gas, or charcoal that are attended at all times and operated in a safe manner.
2. Fire suppression training conducted by authorized emergency services personnel.
3. Other activities specifically approved in writing by the Mayor, Fire Chief, or other authorized official, as permitted by law.

#### **SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT**

The Tatum Fire Department, law enforcement personnel, and other authorized officials are directed to enforce this Executive Order. Violations may be subject to penalties as provided by applicable city ordinances and state law.

#### **SECTION 5. PUBLIC NOTICE**

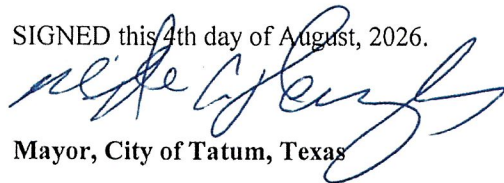
The City Secretary is directed to provide public notice of this Executive Order through all available communication channels, including the City's website, social media platforms, and other customary means of public notification.

#### **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY**

Should any provision of this Executive Order be found invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

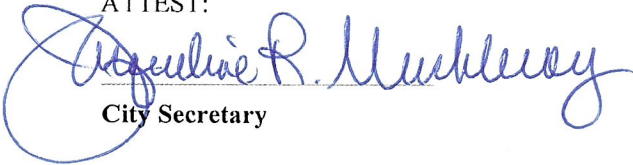
#### **ORDERED AND EXECUTED**

SIGNED this 4th day of August, 2026.



Mayor, City of Tatum, Texas

ATTEST:



City Secretary

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**Emergency Notice:** Due to increased wildfire risk and dry conditions, all outdoor burning within the City of Tatum is prohibited effective immediately until further notice. Residents are urged to exercise extreme caution with any activity that may produce sparks or open flames.