

ORDINANCE NO. 6352 OF 2023

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

**Mike Spence**  
**CADDO PARISH CLERK OF COURT**  
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 32- 90 OF THE CADDO PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO BURNING CONTROL, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Administrative Code specifically limits the burning of waste to yard waste, i.e., "leaves, grass, twigs, branches, and vines by a private property owner on his or her own property for noncommercial purposes in parishes with a population of 300,000 or less, provided the property owner attends the burning of yard waste at all times; and

WHEREAS, the current Caddo Parish burn ordinance does not define or limit the type of waste that may be the subject of an open burn; and WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has requested that Caddo Parish aligns its ordinance with the Louisiana Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 32-90 of the Caddo Parish Code is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

- (a) No person shall burn any matter or materials upon public or private property outside the confines of a building or structure in the unincorporated areas of the parish.
- (b) Exceptions
  - 1. the burning of leaves, grass, twigs, branches, and vines by a private property owner on his own property for noncommercial purposes, provided the property owner attends the burning of yard waste at all times.
  - 2. the burning of agricultural by-products in the fields in connection with the planting, harvesting, or processing of agricultural products;
  - 3. the controlled burning of cotton gin agricultural wastes in connection with cotton gin operations;
  - 4. the controlled burning in connection with timber stand management; and
  - 5. the controlled burning of pasture land or marshland in connection with trapping or livestock production.
  - 6. the burning is pursuant to and in compliance with the terms of a variance granted by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.
- (c) The fire chief of each special fire protection district shall implement procedures to track and record the approval or disapproval of burn requests.
- (d) The fire chief of each special fire protection district is hereby authorized to declare a burning ban within the special fire protection district. No person shall burn any matter or materials whatsoever upon public or private property outside the confines of a building or structure in the unincorporated areas of the parish during a burning ban.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to prescribed burns by the state department of agriculture and forestry, or by persons trained and certified by the state department of agriculture and forestry, or by persons who conduct prescribed burning as a generally accepted agricultural practice as defined by R.S. 3:3602(9).

I, Jeff Everson, Clerk to the Caddo Parish Commission, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the transaction of said body in regular session convened on the 7th day of September, 2023, and is so recorded in Minute Book No. 69, at Page 928.

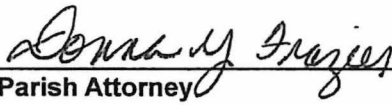
Given under my hand and seal of office this 22nd day of September, 2023.

  
Clerk of Parish Commission  
Caddo Parish, Louisiana

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
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Parish Attorney

  
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Date