

**TOWN OF PONDER
ORDINANCE NO. 23-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PONDER, AMENDING BY ADDING
TO THE TOWN OF PONDER CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 92
OFFENSES AND NUISANCES.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ponder has enacted a Code of Ordinances, containing rules for the Town;
and

WHEREAS, said Code must from time to time be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Ponder, Texas has determined that it is necessary and
expedient to amend said Code to add sections;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
PONDER, TEXAS:**

That the Town of Ponder Code of Ordinance be amended as shown in Exhibit A attached to this
Ordinance.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PONDER,
TEXAS, THIS 12th day of June, 2023.**

APPROVED:

John Bassler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Clearman, Town Secretary

CHAPTER 92 OFFENSES AND NUISANCES.
OUTDOOR FIRE AND BURNING

§ 92.20 Regulation of fire used for waste elimination.

For the purpose of maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and community, and as waste collection services are available within the Town of Ponder, the following acts are declared to be nuisances in violation of this Code:

- (A) The burning of anything other than natural materials. Natural materials include but are not limited to: leaves, yard clippings, tree trimmings, etc.
- (B) Any burning of brush, trimmings, or scrap without first contacting Denton County Dispatch to ensure it is a burn day. (Denton County Dispatch: (940) 349-1640)
- (C) Any burning of brush, trimmings, or scrap without first notifying City Hall of your intent to burn waste. (City Hall (940) 479-2396)
- (D) Failure to contain fire using common methods. Open fires are strictly forbidden. Some common methods of fire containment include but are not limited to: metal barrels, fire rings, fire pits with fireproof border, stone circle, etc.
- (E) Failure to attend fire until out, and secondary ignition no longer possible. For the purpose of this section, *'attend'* shall mean a responsible adult within line of sight of the fire at all times, and *'secondary ignition no longer possible'* shall mean the fire has been flooded with water or the remains are able to be handled with bare hands.
- (F) Failure to provide and keep within easy access a fire suppressant. Easy access suppressants include but are not limited to: fire extinguishers, residential water spigot with hose, sand, etc.
- (G) The Chief of Police, Fire Chief, their designees or assigns, or a uniformed Police Officer shall have authority to enforce this section.

Cross reference(s)—Penalty, see § 10.99.

§ 92.21 Exclusions to regulation.

Nothing in this subchapter (*OUTDOOR FIRE AND BURNING*, §92.20 & 92.21) is intended to regulate or prohibit outdoor fire for the purpose of cooking or recreation. Outdoor grilling, smoking of food, fire features with containment grating or mesh, chimineas, and other recreational or food preparation specific fire use is expressly excluded from regulation.