

WHEREAS, any ban on open fires shall be instated whenever and only whenever the Board determines, based on competent evidence, that the danger of fire or forest fire or grass fire is high; and

WHEREAS, Grand County has two (2) on-going wildland fires, which is competent evidence that the danger of fire or forest fire or grass fire is high, and the danger of widespread or severe damage, harm or injury to life or property is high; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners further finds, based upon competent evidence, the danger of widespread or severe damage, harm or injury to life or property may necessitate immediate action to avoid such damage, harm or injury and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Grand County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that passage of this Resolution in accordance with Ordinance No. 20 is necessary to protect against human-caused fires; and

WHEREAS, the Grand County Sheriff recommends continuing the Stage One ban/restriction on open burning in unincorporated Grand County on an emergency basis, and the Board has found that the danger of forest or grass fires based on competent evidence, meteorological trends and other information is indeed high; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Grand, State of Colorado finds, based upon competent evidence, including the recent weather conditions, fuel moistures, preparedness levels and the potential for destructive forest or grass fires in Grand County and the western region, that there exists the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from fire which requires action to avert danger or damage, and a fire danger emergency exists within Grand County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO, THAT THE DECLARATION OF STAGE ONE FIRE RESTRICTIONS IS HEREBY CONTINUED AND INSTATED. A Stage One fire restriction is designed to reduce fire risk and prevent wild fires during periods of high fire danger and includes prohibitions of the following:

1. "Burning," "open burning" and/or "open fires" means building, maintaining, attending or using any fire including: campfires, recreational fires, cooking fires, portable outdoor fires, bonfires, or warming fires.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least six feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material. (2009 IFC 320.8).
3. Operating a chain saw unless it has a U.S.D.A. or SAE approved spark arrestor properly installed and in effective working order.
4. Welding or operating acetylene torch or other torch with open flame, except in cleared areas of at least 10-feet in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, excluded from this Resolution are the following fire and burning activities:

1. Permissible Fireworks as defined by C.R.S. §24-33.5-2001 (5) and (11). Any person in possession of fireworks in compliance with C.R.S. §24-33.5-2001, et sec. shall not be in violation of this Resolution.
2. Use of liquid or gas fueled appliances.
3. Use of approved wood pellet grills and stoves.

4. Use of permanent or portable outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, chimineas, barbeque pits, or charcoal barbeque grills at private residences or in a developed park, campground, or picnic area.

5. Permitted fires by persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act, such as professional firework displays.

6. Fire Department/District training fires.

7. Burning of explosive wastes by manufacturer or explosives in areas zoned for industrial use, when the burning is supervised by the fire protection district.

8. Open fires or open burning by any federal, state or local fire official in the performance of fire suppression functions.

9. Fires used to inflate commercial hot air balloons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Ordinance No. 20 and this Resolution may be enforced by the Grand County Sheriff's Office and any other Peace Officer with authority in Grand County, Colorado.

Penalties:

1. Violations of any provision of Ordinance No. 20 and this Resolution is a Class 2 Petty Offense, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each separate violation together with a surcharge of Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00) that shall be paid to the Clerk of the Court by the defendant.

2. The penalty assessment procedure provided in C.R.S. §16-2-201 may be followed when enforcing the provisions of Ordinance No. 20 and this Resolution. If a penalty assessment ticket is issued, the fines imposed shall be One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense, and Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$250.00) for the second offense.




3. Anyone starting, maintaining, or permitting burning, open burning and/or open fires in violation of Ordinance No. 20 and this Resolution shall be responsible for any and all costs associated with extinguishing the fire and for any and all damages caused as a result of the fire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the effective date and time of this Resolution shall be Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., and shall be effective for thirty (30) days from the effective date and time at which time it shall automatically repeal without further Resolution, or at an earlier date if deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners by further Resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Resolution 2018-7-26 is hereby continued, effective and enforceable for thirty (30) days from the effective date and time of this Resolution, August 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if any part or parts of this Resolution are for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Board of County Commissioners hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each part or parts thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared invalid.

Upon motion duly made the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

 Aye
 Aye
 Aye

Commissioners

