

RESOLUTION DECLARING RESTRICTIONS ON FIRES AND COMBUSTIBLE DEVICES IN LARIMER COUNTY

WHEREAS, section 30-15-401(1) (n.5), C.R.S., authorizes the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) to adopt an ordinance banning Open Fires to a degree and in a manner that the Board deems necessary to reduce the danger of wildfires within those portions of the unincorporated areas of the county where the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high; and;

WHEREAS, section 30-15-401(1)(n.7), C.R.S., similarly authorizes the Board to prohibit or restrict the sale, use and possession of fireworks, including permissible fireworks as defined in section 24-22.5-2001(5), C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Larimer County adopted the ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE RESTRICTION OF OPEN FIRES, CONTAINED OPEN FIRES, FIREWORKS, PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF FIREWORKS AND USE OF COMBUSTIBLE DEVICES 2022, with an effective date of April 26, 2022 (the “Ordinance”), and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance authorizes the Board to impose a restriction or ban upon any or all types of open fires, open burning, the sale, use or possession of fireworks, public fireworks displays, and the use of combustible devices in the unincorporated territory of Larimer County, or any defined portions thereof, by adopting a resolution at any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that due to extraordinarily dry conditions and extreme fire behavior, and based on the recommendations of the Larimer County Sheriff and other competent evidence as defined by C.R.S. 30-14-401(1)(n.5)(V)(A), the danger of wildfire, forest and grass fires is very high to extreme in Larimer County; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the people of Larimer County and to further their safety and welfare that restrictions on fires and combustible devices as specified in this Resolution are implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds it is in the best interest of the people of Larimer County and to further their safety and welfare, that restrictions and prohibitions on fires and combustible materials be implemented as set forth herein.

1. **RESTRICTIONS:** The following restrictions and bans are imposed throughout the unincorporated territory of Larimer County:

- a. **Contained Open Fires** as defined below are **permitted**
- b. **Uncontained Open Fires** as defined below are **prohibited except that the following are permitted:**
 - a. Wood burning fires in a device designed to contain fire (Ring of rock fires are not permitted.)
 - b. Charcoal and pellet fuel BBQs and smokers
 - c. Smoking outdoors in a 3’ cleared space
 - d. Welding in a 10’ cleared space with an extinguisher
- c. **Gas or Liquid Fueled Fires** as defined below are **permitted**.

and conducted only after the approval by the local fire authority, and in compliance with any conditions imposed by the local fire authority.

- g. **Open Burning** shall mean fire that a person starts and that is intentionally used for forest management.

3. EXEMPTIONS: The following are exempt from the restrictions of this Resolution:

- a. Persons with a written fire entry and activity permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- b. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- c. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

4. DURATION:

- a. The above restrictions are in effect from 12:00am on Wednesday September 9, through 11:59pm on Tuesday, November 3, , 2026, unless suspended or terminated at an earlier date.

5. CHANGING CONDITIONS: If a change in the weather occurs resulting in competent evidence that the fire danger is not present and no longer will be present during the remainder of the Duration, the Board shall seek to promptly consider whether the restrictions should remain in effect, modified, or rescinded._

6. ENFORCEMENT: Violation of this Resolution shall be an unlawful act and subject to enforcement pursuant to Section 8 and Section 9 of the Ordinance.

Adopted this 9th day of September 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LARIMER COUNTY,
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By:

Chair

Jody Shaddock McNally

ATTEST:

D. Quies

Deputy Clerk to the Board



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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