

June 20, 2016

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FIREWORK AND OPEN FLAME RESTRICTIONS

Background: Early spring wet weather caused a proliferation of grasses and other light fuels along the Wasatch front and river corridors. In addition, data provided from the US Forest Service suggests that fuels in areas of Ogden's east bench have already reached "extreme" levels. The long range forecast for the Ogden area indicates temperatures averaging in the upper 90's to 100's for the remainder of June and most of July with no to very little scattered rain from thunderstorms.

Based upon this data, the following restrictions are being established.

By Order of the Fire Marshal: The following restrictions shall apply to the use of fireworks and open flames. The restrictions will be in effect from June 20th 2016 through July 31st 2016, or until conditions improve.

Restrictions Defined:

The use of any firework device or open flame shall be prohibited in the following defined restricted areas.

Geographical Areas Defined:

1. All areas east of Harrison Boulevard from the north city boundary to the south city boundary.
2. All wooded areas along the Ogden and Weber River Parkway beginning at Harrison Blvd and continuing along the pathways to the west city boundary and the south city boundary. This also includes all associated parks along the River corridor.
3. All of Fort Buenaventura, the city baseball park and dog park area located off of A Ave.
4. The old landfill property located at approx. 2550 A Ave., near Fort Buenaventura.
5. All open fields, vacant lots, wooded areas, and brush covered hillsides throughout the city.

Unlawful Acts Defined:

See Ogden City Ordinance 11-6-3, section D:

11-6-3. **[HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:]**

A. [Definitions:] For purposes of this section:

IGNITION SOURCE means any lighted or burning material or object, including recreational fires or campfires, a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, firework, lighter, match, or smoking paraphernalia.

MOUNTAINOUS, BRUSH-COVERED, OR FOREST COVERED AREAS means areas or zones with open fields, vacant lots, wooded areas, and brush covered hillsides throughout the city; and includes all wooded areas along the Ogden and Weber river parkway beginning at the eastern boundary of the city at the mouth of Ogden Canyon and continuing along the pathways to the west city boundary and the south city boundary and any associated parks along the river corridor; all of Fort Buenaventura, the city baseball park and dog park area located off of A Avenue; and the old landfill property located at approx. 2550 A Avenue, near Fort Buenaventura.

WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE AREA means the line, area, or zone where structures or other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland; and includes all areas of the city east of Harrison Boulevard from the north city boundary to the south city boundary.

B. [Prohibition on Use of Ignition Source:] It is unlawful to ignite or use an ignition source in the following areas during those periods of time that the fire marshal has determined hazardous environmental conditions exist or are expected to persist when notice has been filed with the city recorder:

1. Mountainous, brush-covered, or forest-covered areas;
2. The wildland urban interface area; or
3. Land being used for an agricultural purpose.

Penalties Defined:

A violation of a notice issued under this section is a class B misdemeanor, subject to the penalties provided under title 1, chapter 4, article A of this code.

Individuals responsible for fires that result from negligence including the parents of minors may be held accountable for the cost of damages and expenses related to firefighting efforts. See City Ordinance 12-12-3.

Reporting:

Please report all fires and fireworks that you witness in the restricted areas by calling Weber Area Consolidated Dispatch Center at 801-629-8221.

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE FROM FIRES. WE URGE EVERYONE TO USE COMMON SENSE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND PRACTICE EXTREME CAUTION.

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