ORDINANCE #2021- O -10

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL RESTRICTION OF FIREWORKS AND IGNITION SOURCES WITHIN ALL PORTIONS OF THE TOWN OF HIDEOUT

WHEREAS, Utah Code §53-7-225, prohibits the discharge of Class C common state approved explosives (fireworks) except around certain holidays, including beginning on July 2 and ending on July 5, and beginning on July 22 and ending on July 25;

WHEREAS, the fire official for the Town of Hideout ("Hideout") has found that existing hazardous environmental conditions exist within the entire town. (see *Letter From Fire Marshal* dated June 23, 2021, attached as Exhibit A);

WHEREAS, most of Wasatch Fire District is in Stage 2 Fire Restrictions due to prolonged drought coupled with elevated temperatures.

WHEREAS, the Town Council ("Council") finds that Hideout, throughout all areas, contains innumerable mountainous, brush-covered, forest covered, and dry grass-covered areas which historically and existing today are in an extremely flammable condition;

WHEREAS, if existing or historical hazardous environmental conditions exist within the boundaries of Hideout, Utah Code §15A-5-202.5 allows the Council to prohibit the ignition and use of fireworks while these conditions exist in the following areas: (1) mountainous, brush-covered, forest covered, or dry grass-covered areas; (2) within 200 feet of waterways, trails, canyons, washes, ravines, or similar areas; (3) wildland urban interface area, which means the line, area, or zone where structures or other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or land being used for an agricultural purpose; or (4) a limited area outside the hazardous areas;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the entire Town of Hideout consists of the above listed hazardous areas and a map of Hideout is attached hereto as Exhibit B;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF HIDEOUT TOWN COUNCIL OF, UTAH, THAT:

SECTION I: Pursuant to the provisions of Utah Code Ann. 15A-5-202.5, and based on the findings as noted above, the use of Class C fireworks is hereby restricted in all areas of the Town of Hideout as shown in the attached map in Exhibit B.

<u>SECTION II</u>: Due to the extreme drought conditions, the following are prohibited until November 15, 2021, unless earlier terminated by action of the Council.

- 1. No cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation unless the areas where the work is being done is thoroughly wetted down and the areas are kept wet throughout the process.
- 2. No operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.
- 3. Building, maintaining, attending, or using any fire, campfire, or stove fire. This includes charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves and tent stoves and includes use at homes and in developed camping and picnic grounds. Devices using pellets, pressurized liquid or gas (stoves, grills or lanterns) that include shutoff valves are permitted when used in an area at least three feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles.

<u>Section III: Penalty.</u> Violation of this Ordinance is a Class B misdemeanor and punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and/or up to 6 months in Jail.

<u>Section IV: Effective Date</u>. For the protection and preservation of public health and safety, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish and/or post this Ordinance forthwith.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town of Hideout Town Council, Utah, this 24th day of June in the year 2021.

TOWN OF HIDEOUT

Phil Rubin, Mayor

Alicia Fairbourne, Town Clerk

Exhibit A: Letter From Fire Marshal dated June 23, 2021.

Exhibit B: Map of Existing Hazardous Conditions in the Town of Hideout. (Entire Town)



FULL FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Town of Hideout, June 23, 2021

The current conditions present very hazardous fire potential during this season. This is particularly true for Hideout Town as the entire town is located within a wildland interface area or the type of area described in Utah Code §15A-5-202.5(1)(b)(1).

With the legal date of discharge of fireworks approaching, Wasatch Fire reiterates the hazardous situation we find ourselves in with the prolonged drought coupled with the elevated temperatures. Wasatch Fire,in light of the conditions that exist, and the need to mitigate potential catastrophic fires has implemented a <u>FULL FIRE RESTRICTION</u> throughout Wasatch County and included municipalities. These restrictions include all restrictions imposed by the **State of Utah under the Stage 2 Fire Restrictions**.

The penalty and sanction for any violation of this Resolution may carry a class B misdemeanor charge, with a fine of up to \$1,000.00 per incident, plus surcharge andrestitution, and six months in jail.

RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES NO ALLOWABLE AREAS FOR 2021

- **1.** Building, maintaining, attending, or using any fire, campfire, or stove fire*. This includes charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves and tent stoves and includes use at homes and in developed camping and picnic grounds.
- 2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreationsite or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation.
- 3. Discharging or using any fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices including exploding targets.
- 4. Cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.

Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion enginewithout an approved and working spark arrestor.

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Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions.

Wasatch Fire District

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