

ORDINANCE NO. 684

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TEMPORARY FIRE RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF MILLS, WYOMING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Mills is authorized by W.S. §15-1-103 (xxiii) to establish regulations for the prevention of and extinguishing of fires; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mills is authorized by W.S. §15-1-103 (xxviii) to regulate or prevent the storage, use and transportation of any combustible or explosive material within the corporate limits or within a given distance thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mills is currently experiencing drought conditions and fire danger is extremely high; and

WHEREAS, passage of this emergency Ordinance is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF MILLS, WYOMING:

SECTION 1:

Effective immediately, the open burning and fire related activities on all public and private lands in the Town of Mills is hereby placed under restrictions as follows:

1. The building, maintaining, attending or using any campfire is prohibited in the Town of Mills except as follows:
 - a. Fires used in industrial or agricultural operations; and
 - b. Gas and Charcoal grills.
2. No smoking or disposal of any lighted match, cigar or cigarette or other burning substance except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
3. Discharging and detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
4. No acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welding devices shall be used except indoors or in outdoor areas devoid of all vegetation.
5. No operation of chainsaws without spark arrester and either one 2 ½ lb or larger dry chemical fire extinguisher or an adequate supply of water and a shovel in case of fire. These fire tools may be kept with the operator's gas supply, but must be available in the immediate vicinity of the chainsaw operations
6. Additional restrictions on allowed uses, in particular areas, may be imposed due to adverse weather, range and fuel conditions (i.e. Red Flag Days) at the discretion and advice of the Mills Fire Chief.

SECTION 2:

This Emergency Ordinance shall remain in effect until December 31, 2016 or as otherwise provided by Order of the Chief of the Town of Mills Fire Department.

SECTION 3:

Pursuant to W.S. §15-1-115, for an emergency Ordinance, the requirements relating to public

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readings and the ten (10) day elapse between introduction and passage may be suspended by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the qualified members of the governing body; and, pursuant to W.S. §15-1-115(d), the passage of an emergency Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the qualified members of the governing body.

SECTION 4:

Pursuant to W.S. §15-1-105(a)(iii), an emergency Ordinance means an Ordinance operating for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety or welfare, in which the emergency is defined.

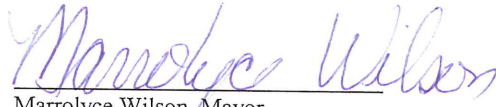
SECTION 5:

For the reasons set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance, the Council finds and declares that an emergency exists; that this Ordinance is for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and that it shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its approval.

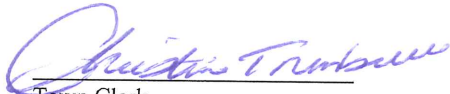
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 28th day of July 2016.

TOWN OF MILLS, WYOMING

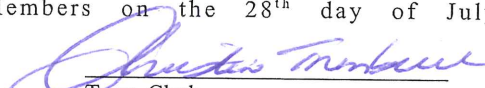
By:


Marrolyce Wilson, Mayor


ATTEST:


Town Clerk

The undersigned Clerk of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 684, entitled " AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TEMPORARY FIRE RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF MILLS, WYOMING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" passed by affirmative vote of three-fourths of the qualified members of the Town Council of the Town of Mills, Wyoming, at a special meeting held by the Council Members on the 28th day of July 2016.


Town Clerk

The undersigned regularly appointed, duly qualified Town Clerk of the Town of Mills, Wyoming does hereby certify that signed, attested, sealed, and certified copies of this Ordinance No. 684 approved and passed as certified above, and following its passage by the Town Council, was posted in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Mills Post Office for a period of ten (10) days as required by law; that it took effect and became in force as a legal ordinance of the Town of Mills, Wyoming on the 28th day of July, 2016.


Town Clerk

