

ORDINANCE NO. 735

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

WHEREAS, the Natrona County Fire Warden, after consultation with the Natrona County Fire District, the Casper Mountain Fire District and the Bureau of Land Management have agreed to recommend the partial closing of all areas within the boundaries of Natrona County, Wyoming to open burning and other fire related activities and all private and county lands in within their jurisdiction in Natrona County; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management has imposed a fire closure resolution on BLM lands in Natrona County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Natrona County, Wyoming passed a Resolution on September 3, 2019 placing a band on certain open fires on the areas within its jurisdiction in Natrona County which this body deems advisable, but which falls outside of the jurisdictional limits of the Town of Mills, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, there has been, as of the date of this Ordinance was presented, a substantial grass fire on the boundary of the Town of Mills; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of the Town of Mills Wyoming has recommended a partial fire closure in Mills, Wyoming; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Mills is authorized by WS 15-1-103(xxviii) to regulate or prevent the storage, use and transportation of any combustible or explosive material within the corporate limits of the Town of Mills, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mills recognizes the acts undertaken by the Natrona County Fire District, Casper Mountain Fire District and the Bureau of Land Management as advisable, 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 restriction as follows:

1. The building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire is prohibited in the Town of Mills except as follows:
 - a. Fires used in industrial or agricultural operations; and
 - b. Gas and charcoal; grills.
 - c. An outdoor structure adequately designed to contain a fire.
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.



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5. No operation of chainsaws without spark arresters and either one 2 ½ lbs 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 Fire Chief of the Town of Mills.

Section 2

This Emergency Ordinance shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2019 or upon the determination by the Fire Chief of the Town of Mills that the conditions giving rise to the conditions making this Ordinance necessary have expired. Should the Fire Chief determine that the conditions making this Ordinance necessary have expired, he shall accordingly inform the Mayor of the same who will take such steps as are necessary to make the expiration of this Ordinance known.

Section 3:

Pursuant to WS 15-1-115, or an Emergency Ordinance, the requirements relating to public readings and then (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 WS 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 WS 15-1-105(a)(iii), and Emergency Ordinance means an Ordinance operating for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety or welfare, in which the emergency is defined.

Section 5:

For the reasons set forth above 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 AS AN EMERGENCY READING ON THE
10th DAY OF September , 2019.



Seth Coleman, Mayor



Sara McCarthy, Council



Darla R. Ives, Council

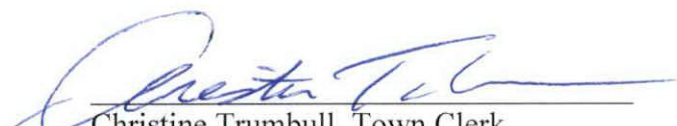


James Hollander, Council



Ronald Wales, Council

ATTESTED:



Christine Trumbull, Town Clerk

