

TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 2002-2

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTING A FIRE BAN

WHEREAS Colorado, particularly Southwest Colorado, is currently experiencing a sever drought and extreme fire conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the extreme fire conditions warrants an immediate ban on fire for the immediate preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the Rico Community;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF RICO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. BAN ON FIRE. The Town Board hereby institutes a ban on fire in the municipal boundaries of the Town of Rico. The following fires or burning are hereby prohibited: outdoor burning; campfires; trash fires; the use of charcoal and other non-gas grills; welding and the use of torches outdoors except in contained areas free of flammable material; smoking outdoors in any area where flammable material exists on the ground; lighting of fireworks; and, igniting of explosives.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF PROHIBITION. This Ordinance may be repealed by administrative act of the Mayor or by motion of the Board of Trustees at any time that the extreme fire danger subsides. The Rico Fire Chief shall be consulted prior to repealing this ordinance. This Ordinance shall be repealed by publishing and posting a signed notice of such decision.

SECTION 3. PENALTY. Violation of the Ban on Fire shall be punishable by a fine of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and/or imprisonment of up to one (1) year.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE. This Ordinance is adopted as an emergency ordinance for the immediate preservation of the health, safety and general welfare of the Rico Community.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

SECTION 6. POSTING AND PUBLISHING. This Ordinance shall be posted at the Rico Post Office and Rico Town Hall and published in the Rico Sun-Times.

READ, MOVED AND APPROVED ON FIRST AND FINAL READING ON THE 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2002.

TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO

BY: 
Thomas Clark, Acting Mayor

ATTEST: 
Linda Yellowman, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eric James Heil, Town Attorney