

**TOWN OF RICO ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-02
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO
IMPLEMENTING FIRE RESTRICTIONS TO BAN OPEN FIRE AND
FIREWORKS EFFECTIVE ON MAY 20TH, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Rico Board of Trustees declares that the danger of wild land fires is high, with continuing drought conditions affecting the mountains of Colorado;

WHEREAS, the Board further declares that a local ordinance establishing a fire restriction is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Rico citizens.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE RICO BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Open fires are prohibited within the Town of Rico as long as current drought conditions persist.
2. An "open fire" is any fire in an outdoor location where burning is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit. Bum barrels and incinerators must have an adequate screen to restrict ash.
3. This ban on open fires shall continue in effect at all times, or until the Board of Trustees suspends such ban by adoption of a Resolution finding that drought conditions have subsided.
4. Fireworks are prohibited within the Town of Rico as long as current drought conditions persist.
5. Any person who knowingly causes an open fire in violation of this Ordinance shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days, or by a fine not exceeding the sum of \$50.00, plus costs, or by both a fine and imprisonment or uses fireworks;
6. Because of the high wildfire danger, the Board of Trustees declares an emergency and adopts this ordinance upon first reading.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY FINAL READING by Town of Rico Board of Trustees this 20th day of May 2020

TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO


Barbara Betts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Yellowman, Town Clerk