



## **Park City Fire Code Official Enacts Open Fire and Fireworks Ban**

PARK CITY, UTAH - (July 21, 2020) Effective immediately and in effect until further notice, fireworks, explosive devices, and open fires are prohibited within Park City limits. Residential BBQs and briquettes are the only exceptions. Violations of these restrictions may result in fines and cost recovery of fire-fighting expenses for negligently started fires.

Dave Thacker, Park City Chief Building Official/Fire Code Official, enacted a ban on all open fires, sources of ignition, and fireworks due to the current conditions of hot temperatures, high winds, low humidity and dry vegetation— all of which significantly increase the risk of wildfire and directly threaten the safety of our community. Given the uncertainty of environmental conditions during the summer months, this order will stay in place until rescinded.

“Over the past several weeks we have been monitoring these conditions and have determined the need to enact an Open Flame and Fireworks ban throughout the City,” said Thacker, “This ban aligns with the Summit County Fire Warden’s Open Fire and Fireworks ban issued on July 20, 2020.”

The Park City Council enacted an ordinance in 2016 giving authority to restrict open sources of ignition and fireworks to the City Fire Code Official based on the ever-changing hazardous environmental conditions.

These restrictions are pursuant to Park City Ordinance §2016-36, and other applicable statutes in the Wildland Urban Interface Code and the International Fire Code. The full declaration is available to view [here](#).

For information about fire-prevention and general emergency preparedness, visit [bereadyparkcity.org](http://bereadyparkcity.org). Register your mobile devices in the Park City Emergency Alert system visit [parkcityalerts.org](http://parkcityalerts.org).

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