

DECLARATION OF STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Stage 1 fire restrictions will go into effect the **8th day of September 2022 at 0001 hours**. Pursuant to the City Manager's authority under Section 2-174 of the Steamboat Springs Revised Municipal Code (RMC), the City Manager hereby declares and imposes a city-wide **Stage One Fire Restriction** within the corporate limits of the City of Steamboat Springs. Violations of Stage 1 fire restrictions may be subject to penalties under RMC Section 1-15.

STAGE ONE RESTRICTIONS:

The following acts are prohibited within the corporate limits of the City of Steamboat Springs:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using any fire to burn trash, debris, fence rows, irrigation ditches or vegetation; any campfire, warming fire, or charcoal grill, except in designated campgrounds, picnic areas or developed recreational sites.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreational site, or while stopped in an area of at least (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
3. Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arresting device (muffler) properly installed and in effective working order, and a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than eight (8) ounce capacity by weight, and one (1) round pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. The extinguisher will be with the chainsaw operator. The shovel may be kept with the fueling supplies but readily available for quick use.
4. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame; except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable material at least 10 feet on all sides from the equipment.
5. Using explosives requiring fuses or blasting caps.

Exemptions from Stage One Restrictions:

1. Persons with a valid written permit which specifically authorizes the prohibited act from the Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue Fire Chief or his/her authorized designee.
2. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an actual duty.
3. Any fires contained within stoves, fireplaces within buildings, charcoal grill fires, recreational fires at private residences with valid permit from the City of Steamboat Springs Fire Prevention office, and permanent fire pits or fire grates in developed picnic grounds and campgrounds.
4. Hot air balloon activities and the use of UL-approved liquid-fueled or gas fueled "Camp Fire in a Can."

5. Campfires or bonfires required in religious ceremonies where a specific written permit has been granted in advance by the Steamboat Springs Fire Prevention office.

Declared this 6th day of September 2022.

By:

Gary Suiter, City Manager

ATTEST:

By: _____
Julie Franklin, City Clerk