

**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
RESOLUTION 2022-13
FIRE RESTRICTIONS LEVEL III**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs, County of Lincoln, New Mexico has determined that the present fire danger due to the extreme drought conditions currently existing, is exceedingly high; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs has further determined that, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Ruidoso Downs, the Governing Body shall take immediate action.

WHEREAS, the City of Ruidoso Downs desires to repeal and replace its previous Resolution 2018-07 Fire Restriction II with the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the use of equipment with small internal combustion engines is a necessary activity when cleaning up and for the prevention and mitigation of the risk of further fire events.

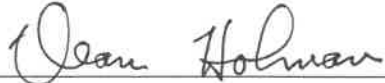
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, hereby proclaims as follows:

- 1.) A ban on all burning of trash, rubbish, shrubbery, or other material of any kind, except by permit.
- 2.) Effective immediately, the Fire Department of Ruidoso Downs may issue permits during the Level III Fire Restrictions recently implemented under the following conditions:
 - a. No permits may be issued to any individual or business entity unless they meet the City of Ruidoso Downs Fire Department rules and requirements.
 - b. No permits shall be issued for activity other than clean-up, fuel management projects, or hazard tree removal projects conducted by licensed contractors.
 - c. Any licensed contractor that requests a permit pursuant to this Resolution shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City of Ruidoso Downs Fire Department that they are in possession of a fire mitigation plan. They must also demonstrate that they have proper fire suppression equipment located within 20 feet of the operation.
- 3.) Failure to satisfy any of the above requirements shall result in the denial of the request for a permit during Level III Fire Restrictions.

- 4.) Any permit issued under this Resolution is subject to inspection by City staff at any time without advance notice. Any permit that is found to be out of compliance with this Resolution shall be immediately revoked and all work shall immediately cease.
- 5.) Should a fire occur due to the actions or negligence of any person operating small internal combustion engine equipment, the person may be held civilly or criminally liable for any damage caused.
- 6.) That the use of small internal combustion engine equipment deemed appropriate by the City of Ruidoso Downs Fire Department may be used for the maintenance and upkeep of property by the Public Works Department with the required fire suppression equipment located within 20 feet of the operation.
- 7.) This Resolution is to remain in effect for sixty (60) days or until rescinded or extended by the Governing Body pursuant to NMSA 60-2C-8.1.
- 8.) This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of May 2022 in regular session by the City of Ruidoso Downs Governing Body, at Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

City of Ruidoso Downs



Dean Holman, Mayor



ATTEST:



Alejandra L. Giron, MMC
City Clerk/Treasurer



**EFFECTIVE MAY 19, 2022, 8:00 AM
LEVEL III RESTRICTIONS FOR THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS**

The following LEVEL II & LEVEL III Restrictions are now in place:

- NO OPEN FIRE & ANY OTHER RECREATIONAL FIRE DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED
- IGNITION AND/OR DETONATION OF FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED
- ANY COOKING OR RECREATIONAL DEVICE THAT USES CHARCOAL OR WOOD IS NOT ALLOWED
- GAS AND PELLET COOKING DEVICES ARE ALLOWED BUT MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES
- NO OUTDOOR SMOKING- SMOKING MUST OCCUR WITHIN CLOSED VEHICLES OR INDOORS PURSUANT TO THE DEE JOHNSON CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT
- THE OPERATING OF CHAINSAWS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT POWERED BY AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE ARE NOT ALLOWED WITHOUT A PERMIT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 a.m. thru 6 p.m.
- WELDING, METAL GRINDING, HOT TAR ROOFING, DRIVEWAY SEALING, OXYACETYLENE METAL CUTTING AND ANY OTHER WORK WHICH PRODUCES A HOT EMBER OR VISIBLE FLAME ARE NOT ALLOWED.

**CITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED ONSITE - NO WARNINGS
WE WILL NOTIFY THE PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY UPON ANY CHANGES**
(Please visit www.ruidosodowns.us for updated information)

THANK YOU

**Bruce Baker,
Assistant Fire Chief**