



**TOWN OF ALPINE, WYOMING
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-004**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 AND ESTABLISHING
REGULATIONS GOVERNING OPEN BURNING, RECREATIONAL FIRES, AND OUTDOOR
FIRE USE WITHIN THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ALPINE, WYOMING**

WHEREAS, the Town of Alpine is located within a forested and wildland-urban interface area where outdoor burning presents a potential wildfire hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it necessary to regulate outdoor burning activities in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents, property, and natural resources within the Town of Alpine.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- a) **“Open Burning”** means the burning of materials outdoors where the products of combustion are emitted directly into the air and are not directed through a chimney or stack.
- b) **“Recreational Fire”** means an outdoor fire burning natural wood or charcoal materials for pleasure, cooking, warmth, or ceremonial purposes with a fuel area not exceeding three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.
- c) **“Portable Outdoor Fireplace”** means a portable outdoor solid-fuel-burning device constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other noncombustible material designed to contain and control outdoor fire.
- d) **“Person”** means any individual, partnership, firm, company, association, organization, or corporation.
- e) **“Cooking Device”** means a charcoal grill, gas grill, smoker, pellet grill, or similar device designed and used for the preparation of food.

SECTION 2. OPEN BURNING PROHIBITED

Open burning within the incorporated limits of the Town of Alpine is prohibited, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance.

Prohibited burning includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Trash, garbage, or household waste.
- b) Yard debris or vegetation piles.
- c) Burn barrels.

- d) Construction or demolition debris.
- e) Plastics, rubber, or synthetic materials.
- f) Treated, painted, or stained wood.
- g) Asphalt, petroleum products, or chemicals.
- h) Any material that produces toxic or excessive smoke.

SECTION 3. COOKING DEVICES EXEMPT

The use of cooking devices, as defined in this ordinance, for the preparation of food shall not be considered open burning and is permitted within the Town of Alpine, provided such devices are operated in a safe manner and in accordance with manufacturer instructions.

SECTION 4. RECREATIONAL FIRES PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS

Recreational fires are permitted within the Town of Alpine provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- a) The fire does not exceed three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.
- b) The fire is constantly attended by a responsible person.
- c) The fire is located at least fifteen (15) feet from any structure or combustible material.
- d) Fire suppression equipment, such as a hose, water supply, or fire extinguisher, is immediately available.
- e) The fire is fully extinguished before being left unattended.
- f) Fires shall not be maintained during high winds or other hazardous conditions.
- g) Only clean, natural wood or charcoal may be burned. The burning of garbage, treated or painted wood, plastics, rubber, construction debris, or any material producing toxic or excessive smoke is prohibited.

SECTION 5. PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall:

- a) Be used in accordance with manufacturer instructions
- b) Be located at least ten (10) feet from structures or combustible materials

- c) Be constantly attended while in use.
- d) Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be equipped with a spark arrestor or screen to prevent the escape of embers.

SECTION 6. NUISANCE SMOKE

Any outdoor fire that creates excessive smoke impacting neighboring properties shall be ordered extinguished by Town officials or law enforcement.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY FIRE RESTRICTIONS

The Mayor or Town Council shall prohibit or restrict outdoor burning when conditions create a risk of wildfire.

The Town shall also adopt fire restrictions issued by Lincoln County, the State of Wyoming, or federal land management agencies when deemed necessary for public safety. During declared fire restrictions, all recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces shall be prohibited unless specifically exempted by the Town or applicable governing agency

SECTION 8. FIREWORKS

The discharge of permissible fireworks within the incorporated limits of the Town of Alpine shall only be permitted during the twenty-four (24) hours prior to, during, and twenty-four (24) hours following the Fourth of July holiday each year, unless otherwise prohibited by emergency fire restrictions enacted pursuant to Section 7 of this Ordinance.

All fireworks use shall comply with applicable state law and any fire restrictions imposed by the Town of Alpine, Lincoln County, the State of Wyoming, or applicable federal land management agencies.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Town Code Enforcement Officer, or other authorized officials.

SECTION 9. AUTHORITY TO EXTINGUISH FIRE

Any outdoor fire that is determined by a law enforcement officer, fire official, or authorized Town representative to present a hazard to public safety, create a nuisance, or violate the provisions of this ordinance shall be ordered extinguished immediately.

Failure to comply with such an order shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. CIVIL PENALTIES

A violation of this ordinance is a civil infraction subject to a civil penalty not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per violation, to be heard and assessed by the Town Municipal Court. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 11. REPEALER

Ordinance No. 2020-01 and any other ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon third and final reading, passage, and publication as required by law.

Passed First Reading on the 21st day April of 2026.

VOTING RECORD:

<i>Ayes:</i>	5	<i>Mayor Green:</i>	Aye
<i>Nays:</i>	0	<i>Burchard:</i>	Aye
<i>Abstentions:</i>	0	<i>Larsen:</i>	Aye
<i>Absent:</i>	0	<i>Wierda:</i>	Aye
		<i>Scaffide:</i>	Aye

Passed Second Reading on the 19th day of May 2026.

VOTING RECORD:

<i>Ayes:</i>		<i>Mayor Green:</i>	
<i>Nays:</i>		<i>Burchard:</i>	
<i>Abstentions:</i>		<i>Larsen:</i>	
<i>Absent:</i>		<i>Wierda:</i>	
		<i>Scaffide:</i>	

Passed on Third and Final Reading 19th day May of 2026.

VOTING RECORD:

<i>Ayes:</i>	<i>Mayor Green:</i>
<i>Nays:</i>	<i>Burchard:</i>
<i>Abstentions:</i>	<i>Larsen:</i>
<i>Absent:</i>	<i>Wierda:</i>
	<i>Scaffide:</i>

TOWN OF ALPINE

Eric Green, Mayor of Alpine

ATTEST:

Monica L. Chenault, Clerk / Treasurer

ATTESTATION OF THE TOWN CLERK

STATE OF WYOMING)
COUNTY OF LINCOLN)
TOWN OF ALPINE)

I hereby certify that the forgoing Ordinance No. 2026-004 shall be duly posted for ten (10) days in the Town Office.

I further certify that the foregoing Ordinance will be posted on the Town website in final form, upon its passing and approved by the Town Council as soon as is practicable.

I further certify that the forgoing Ordinance will be duly recorded in the BOOK OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF ALPINE, LINCOLN COUNTY, WYOMING.

ATTEST:

Monica L. Chenault, Clerk / Treasurer