



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

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING 272 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**

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**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**

- a) The burning of trash, garbage, or household waste within the incorporated limits of the Town of Alpine is strictly prohibited.
- b) In addition to the prohibition above, open burning of any kind is prohibited, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance
- c) Prohibited burning includes but is not limited to:
  - i. Burning of yard debris or vegetation piles.

- ii. Burning of garbage or household waste.
- iii. Burn barrels.
- iv. Construction debris burning.

### **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**

- a) Recreational fires are permitted provided that:
- b) The fire does not exceed three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.
- c) The fire is constantly attended.
- d) The fire is located at least twenty-five (25) feet from structures or combustible materials.
- e) Fire suppression equipment is immediately available.
- f) Fires are fully extinguished before being left unattended.
- g) Fires are not maintained during high winds or hazardous conditions.

### **SECTION 5. PROHIBITED MATERIALS**

No person shall burn the following materials within the Town of Alpine:

- a) Garbage or household waste
- b) Plastics, rubber, or synthetic materials
- c) Treated, painted, or stained wood
- d) Construction or demolition debris
- e) Asphalt, petroleum products, or chemicals
- f) Any material that produces toxic or excessive smoke

Only clean, natural wood or charcoal shall be burned in recreational fires or portable outdoor fireplaces.

### **SECTION 6. PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES**

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall:

- a) Be used in accordance with manufacturer instructions
- b) Be located at least fifteen (15) 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 7. NUISANCE SMOKE**

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

### **SECTION 8. EMERGENCY FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

The Shallor 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 9. ENFORCEMENT**

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

### **SECTION 10. 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 11. PENALTIES**

Any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation.

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 12. REPEALER**

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

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

**Passed First Reading on the 21<sup>st</sup> day April of 2026.**

**VOTING RECORD:**

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

**Passed Second Reading on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.**

**VOTING RECORD:**

<i>Ayes:</i>	_____	<i>Shallor 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 19<sup>th</sup> day May of 2026.**

**VOTING RECORD:**

<i>Ayes:</i>	_____	<i>Shallor 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

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Eric Green, Shallor of Alpine

ATTEST:

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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:

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Monica L. Chenault, Clerk / Treasurer