

RESOLUTION 2025-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEADWOOD FIRE CHIEF TO IMPLEMENT TEMPORARY BURN BANS WHEN CONDITIONS WARRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Deadwood recognizes the importance of protecting life, property, and natural resources from the threat of fire; and

WHEREAS, periods of elevated fire danger, including high temperatures, low humidity, dry vegetation, and strong winds, can significantly increase the risk of wildfires within and around the City of Deadwood; and

WHEREAS, the timely enactment of burn bans is critical in mitigating these risks and preventing uncontrolled fires; and

WHEREAS, the Deadwood Fire Chief, in coordination with other public safety officials and agencies, is best equipped to monitor local fire conditions and make informed decisions regarding public safety and fire risk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Deadwood City Commission that:

1. **Authority Granted:** The Deadwood Fire Chief is hereby authorized to implement temporary burn bans within the jurisdiction of the City of Deadwood when, in their professional judgment, hazardous fire conditions exist or are likely to develop.
2. **Scope of Ban:** The burn ban may restrict or prohibit open burning, recreational fires, campfires, burning of refuse, use of fireworks, use of solid fuel food preparation devices or other fire-related activities, as deemed appropriate by the Fire Chief based on current conditions.
3. **Notice and Communication:** Upon enactment of a burn ban, the Fire Chief shall ensure that the public is notified through appropriate channels, including the city website, signage, social media, press releases, and coordination with local emergency services.
4. **Duration:** The burn ban shall remain in effect until such time as the Fire Chief determines that hazardous conditions have subsided and it is safe to lift the restrictions.
5. **Enforcement:** Violations of the burn ban may be subject to penalties or enforcement action as permitted by City ordinance or state law.

Dated this 31st day of July 2025.

CITY OF DEADWOOD

Charlie Struble-Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessicca McKeown, Finance Officer

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