

**TOWN OF GRAND LAKE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORDINANCE NO. 03-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GRAND LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2-2-9
REGARDING THE PENALTY FOR FIRE BAN**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado Statute is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado (the “Town”); and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has received substantially less snowfall than normal posing a real and extreme danger of wild fire and other types of fire to the residents of the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds it in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the Town to take steps to limit fire danger to the Town, including increasing the fine amount for violation of fire ban and fire work provisions found in Section 2-2-9 of the Grand Lake Municipal Code (the “Code”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GRAND LAKE, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Trustees hereby amends Section 2-2-9 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Grand Lake by amending the penalty provision thereof with the removal of the ~~strike through language~~ and the addition of the **bold underlined language** to read in its entirety as follows:

2-2-9 Fire Bans.

1. The Mayor or the Town Manager shall have the authority to implement, modify, and rescind a ban on open fires within the town limits of the Town of Grand Lake.
2. The Mayor or Town Manager shall consider the recommendations issued by officials from other affected governmental agencies prior to implementing, modifying, or rescinding a ban on open fires.
3. For the purposes of this Chapter, open fires shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including, but not limited to, campfires, slash or trash burning, warming fires, charcoal or wood-burning grills, smoking of cigarettes, cigars, or pipes, fused explosives, and any fireworks except authorized fireworks displays conducted under the supervision of a certified display operator licensed by the Colorado Department of Public Safety.
4. The specific terms and conditions of the fire ban, as well as its applicability to various types of operations, including commercial operations, shall be determined by the Mayor or Town Manager at the time the fire ban is implemented or modified.

5. Any action taken by the Mayor or Town Manager shall be subject to review by the Board of Trustees at its next regular or special meeting. At the meeting, the Board of Trustees shall either ratify or rescind the action.
6. The penalty for violating this Section shall ~~be a maximum fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per occurrence~~ **shall not exceed the General Penalty set forth in Section 1-1-9 of this Code.**

2. Severability: If any Article, Section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

3. Repeal: Existing Ordinances or parts of Ordinances covering the same matters as embraced in this Ordinance are hereby repealed and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any Ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GRAND LAKE, COLORADO, THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

Votes Approving: _____
 Votes Opposed: _____
 Absent: _____
 Abstained: _____

ATTEST:

TOWN OF GRAND LAKE

 Alayna Carrell
 Town Clerk

By: _____
 Christina Bergquist
 Mayor