

**R-26-26**

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE IMPOSITION AND RESCISSION OF THE CLEAR CREEK COUNTY TEMPORARY STAGE 1 FIRE BANS IMPOSED ON FEBRUARY 16, 2026, AND FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 16, and the imposition of a Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service effective February 16, 2026, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the Sheriff of Clear Creek County imposed a Temporary Stage 1 Fire Ban effective as of 12:00 p.m. on February 16, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service on February 16, 2026, expired on February 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 16, and the imposition of a Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service effective February 24, 2026, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Sheriff of Clear Creek County imposed a Temporary Stage 1 Fire Ban between the specific hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) has consulted with the County Sheriff and appropriate local authorities with respect to the risks of wildfire in the County and supports the imposition of these fire bans as the result of the Red Flag Warnings imposed by the National Weather Service as set forth in Exhibits A and B (hereinafter referred to as “Fire Bans”); and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the Board finds it necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and for the protection of the financial resources of Clear Creek County, that the ban on fires as particularly described in Exhibits A & B were reasonable, necessary and appropriate for the purpose of reducing the continued threat of widespread destructive wildfires in Clear Creek County, and desires to ratify these Fire Bans; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire ban as stated in Exhibit A was set for an indefinite period of time, and Ordinance No. 16 provides the Board will periodically review fire bans imposed for indefinite periods; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the expiration of the Red Flag Warning issued on February 16, 2026, the Clear Creek County Sheriff having lifted this Fire Ban, and as the Fire Ban issued on February 24, 2026, expired by its terms at 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2026, the Board desires to ratify the lifting of these Fire Bans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance Number 16, the Clear Creek County Temporary Stage 1 Fire Ban, enacted by the Sheriff of Clear Creek on February 16, 2026, as reflected by Exhibit A attached hereto, is hereby ratified.

**BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance Number 16, the Clear Creek County Temporary Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, enacted by the Clear Creek County Sheriff on February 24, 2026, as reflected by Exhibit B attached hereto, is hereby ratified.

**BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED**, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance Number 16, the lifting of the Fire Bans as reflected in Exhibits A and B, by the Clear Creek County Sheriff, is hereby ratified.

**ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners.

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Rebecca Lloyd, Chair

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Jodie Hartman-Ball, Commissioner

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George Marlin, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Deputy Clerk and Recorder for  
Brenda L. Corbett  
Clear Creek County Clerk and Recorder

**TEMPORARY STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS**  
**NO SHOOTING**

**CLEAR CREEK COUNTY**  
**STATE OF COLORADO**

These Temporary Fire Restrictions, dated and executed below, supersede all previous Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans.

**THESE TEMPORARY FIRE RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL LANDS IN  
UNINCORPORATED CLEAR CREEK COUNTY**

Pursuant to the Annual Operating Plan regarding the implementation of Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans; and due to the continuing high fire danger conditions within Clear Creek County, the following activities are prohibited pursuant to Stage 1 Restrictions:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire as defined in Ordinance No. 16, or using a fire, including charcoal grills, and barbeques, coal and wood burning stoves and shepherd's stoves.
2. Sale, possessing, discharging or using any type of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device to include sparklers. This order does not differentiate between lawful use or careless/negligent use of fireworks, but prohibits all fireworks activity and use on public lands as identified above, **except municipal-conducted fireworks shows** with liability insurance, fire mitigation in preparation and fire suppression on scene during and as needed after the display. This order as it relates to fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices shall expire when this ban is lifted.
3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building.
4. All other outdoor spark or flame producing activities.
5. Shooting (discharging of firearms of any kind) IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT when engaging in legal hunting activities with a valid hunting license.

"Open Fire" is defined in Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 16 as: "Any fire outdoors for any purpose, including, but not limited to, bonfires, campfires, charcoal or wood barbeques; lighting off fireworks of any kind, trash or rubbish burning, smoking and lawn, weed, ditch or crop burning"; but excludes "propane or natural gas barbeque or liquid fuel stove if it is attended at all times and is in a fully enclosed, covered barbeque grill or is contained within a liquid fuel stove."

**NOTE: Burn permits issued and not executed prior to the effective date of these Temporary Fire Restrictions shall not be authorized unless approved by the issuing agency on the day of execution.**

**EXHIBIT A**

Exemptions approved under these Temporary Fire Restrictions:

- ▶ Persons with a valid written permit from the Sheriff or appropriate Fire Authority which specifically authorizes the prohibited act.
- ▶ Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- ▶ Persons using pressurized liquid or gas devices (stoves, grills or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least three feet away from any flammable materials.
- ▶ Residents, owners or lessees within the areas above who are using a fire in a permanent dwelling with an effective and properly installed USDA - or SAE - approved spark arrestor.
- ▶ Charcoal grill fires at private residences.
- ▶ Open fires required in religious ceremonies and for which a valid written permit has been granted in advance by the local Fire Department or District.

Individuals operating under any of the above exemptions shall take adequate measures to prevent uncontrolled fires. Measures include, but are not limited to:

1. Containers of adequate water or dry soil nearby; and/or
2. Shovels, fire extinguishers, or other extinguishing agents nearby and/or
3. Coordination with the local Fire Department or District to be on scene or standby during an activity.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

Violators may be charged with 4<sup>th</sup> degree Arson, and/or Reckless Endangerment, or unlawful conduct on public or private property, or as provided in Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 16, as determined by the Sheriff.

These Temporary Fire Restrictions will become effective at 12:00 p.m. on February 16, 2026, and shall remain in effect until superseded or repealed.

Executed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, at 1200 P.M.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF

  
By: Ronald Thornton, Sheriff

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Exemptions approved under these Temporary Fire Restrictions:

- ▶ Persons with a valid written permit from the Sheriff or appropriate Fire Authority which specifically authorizes the prohibited act.
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These Temporary Fire Restrictions will become effective at 10:00 AM MST on February 24, 2026, and shall remain in effect 5:00 PM MST on February 24, 2026.

Executed this 24th day of February, at 10:00 AM MST.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF

  
By: Ronald Thornton, Sheriff