

Resolution 2020-1187

Emergency Ban on Open Fires and Fireworks

WHEREAS, New Mexico is currently experiencing a decrease in precipitation; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico State has implemented restrictions on fireworks, smoking, campfires and open fires on all non-municipal, non-federal, and non-tribal lands statewide as of May 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management has already established a Fire Prevention Order as of May 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The danger of range fires, brush fires, grass fires, structure fires, and other fires of every kind is presently extremely high in and around the City of Aztec; and

WHEREAS, The probability of ignition of materials likely to serve as fuel for fire is extremely high in and around the City of Aztec; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City of Aztec has obtained information concerning impending drought conditions which indicate that the City of Aztec will once again experience an exceptional drought.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Aztec City Commission of Aztec, New Mexico, hereby declares an imminent potential fire hazard emergency and implements a ban on all open fires and fireworks as defined in Chapter 8, Article IV, within the incorporated area of the City of Aztec and to remain in effect for 120 days from the date of approval or until otherwise repealed by the Commission through Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED as Resolution 2020-1187 this 26th day of May, 2020.

Mayor Victor C. Snover

ATTEST:

Karla Sayler, City Clerk CMC










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Allowed

Not Allowed


Open Fires Include

-  Any open burning on public and private property.
-  Camp and cooking fires using solid fuels such as charcoal briquettes, wood, paper, etc. on public and private property.
-  Outdoor fireplaces using solid fuels such as charcoal briquettes, wood, paper, etc. on public and private property.
-  Use of luminaries, farolitos, and/or candles outside of buildings on public and private property.
-  Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame on public property.
-  Smoking on public property.
-  Discarding of cigarettes/cigars from any vehicle on public and private property.




Open Fires DO NOT Include

-  Fires in camp stoves or grills, fueled by bottled gas or pressurized liquid, and specifically designed for cooking or heating purposes.
-  Fires in permanently constructed stationary masonry or metal fireplaces specifically designed for the purpose of combustion.
-  Fires in commercially operated wood and/or charcoal fired grills designed for cooking.
-  Welding: Operating an arc, acetylene, or other torch with open flame. Such activities whether on private or public property will require adequate fire extinguishers, water hoses or other fire suppression appliances be readily available. In addition, a fire watch shall be maintained during such operations and extend thirty (30) minutes after operations have stopped.


Fireworks Include

-  Any article, device, or substance prepared for the primary purpose of producing a visual or auditory sensation by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation which meets the description as defined in [Section 8-52](#).

Fireworks DO NOT Include

-  Thy caps which do not contain more than twenty-five hundredths of a grain of explosive compound per cap.
-  Highway flares, railroad fuses, ship distress signals, smoke candles, and other emergency signal devices.
-  Educational rockets and toy propellant device type engines used in such rockets when such rockets are of nonmetallic construction and utilize replaceable engines or model cartridges containing less than two (2) ounces of propellant and when such engines or model cartridges are designed to be ignited by electrical means.

Contained Open Fires Permissible

-  Fires in permanently constructed stationary masonry or metal fireplaces specifically designed for the purpose of combustion (e.g. BBQ Grills).

More Information in [Article IV. of Chapter 8 Fire Prevention and Protection](#)