RESOLUTION 2025-2

RESOLUTION FINDING HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTION OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE

WHEREAS, Utah Code §53-7-225, prohibits the discharge of Class C common state approved explosives (fireworks) except around certain holidays including beginning on July 2 and ending on July 5, and beginning on July 22 and ending on July 25;

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 15A-5-202.5(1)(b) allows municipalities to "close a defined area to the discharge of fireworks due to a historical hazardous environmental condition" if the "historical hazardous environmental condition has existed in the defined area before July 1 of at least two of the preceding five years;"

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE finds that existing hazardous environmental conditions have existed within the designated Wildland Urban Interface Area before July 1 of at least two of the preceding five years;

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE finds that the designated Wildland Urban Interface Area, contains innumerable mountainous, brush-covered, forest covered, and dry grass-covered areas which historically and, for at least two of the preceding five years before July 1st, are in an extremely flammable condition;

WHEREAS, if existing or historical hazardous environmental conditions exist within the boundaries of the designated Wildland Urban Interface Area, Utah Code §15A-5-202.5 allows the Council to prohibit the ignition and use of fireworks while these conditions exist in the following areas: (1) mountainous, brush- covered, forest covered, or dry grass-covered areas; (2) within 200 feet of waterways, trails, canyons, washes, ravines, or similar areas; (3) wildland urban interface area, which means the line, area, or zone where structures or other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or land being used for an agricultural purpose; or (4) a limited area outside the hazardous areas;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Wildland Urban Interface consists of the above listed hazardous areas and a map is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town to enact fireworks restrictions as set for the below:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE, UTAH, THAT:

SECTION I: Pursuant to the provisions of Utah Code Ann. 15A-5-202.5, and based on the findings as noted above, the use of fireworks/pyrotenchics are hereby restricted in all areas of the Town of Independence as shown in the attached map in Exhibit A.

SECTION II: Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective upon receipt of the attached map (Exhibit A) by Wasatch County and publication of the Resolution by the Town Clerk.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town of Independence, Utah, this 15th day of May in the year 2025.

	Town of Independence
	Phil Sweat, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk	_

Exhibit A: Map of Restricted Areas Stage 1

