

## TOWN OF BRIGHTON

### ORDINANCE #2025 – O – 8 – 1

#### **ORDINANCE ADOPTING STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS WITHIN BRIGHTON**

WHEREAS, the State Forester of Utah, pursuant to Utah Code Section 65A-8-212, has issued a Stage 2 Fire Restriction Order effective August 1, 2025, due to extreme wildfire risk associated with ongoing drought conditions, high temperatures, and critically low fuel moisture; and

WHEREAS, the Stage 2 Fire Restrictions apply to all state lands and all unincorporated private lands within the State of Utah, but do not automatically apply within incorporated municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brighton (“Brighton”) is located in an area with elevated wildfire risk and limited emergency access, making fire prevention efforts especially critical to the safety of residents, visitors, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Fire Authority has recommended that Brighton adopt the State’s Stage 2 Fire Restrictions to align with regional public safety efforts and promote consistent messaging and enforcement across jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Brighton intends to adopted these same restrictions for uniformity among neighboring jurisdictions, and to strengthen compliance, communication, and community awareness during periods of high fire danger;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Brighton hereby adopts the State of Utah’s Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, as outlined in the State Forester’s order dated August 1, 2025, including the following prohibitions:

- No open fires or campfires, including charcoal grills, pellet grills, or other ash-producing fuel sources. Only properly shielded gas or liquid-fueled stoves with a shut-off valve are permitted, provided there is a three-foot diameter of barren ground free of flammable vegetation.
- No smoking, except in enclosed vehicles, buildings, developed recreation sites, or paved/barren areas free of dry vegetation.
- No fireworks, tracer ammunition, pyrotechnic devices, or exploding targets.
- No cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation without taking precautions to prevent ignition, such as wetting down surrounding vegetation.
- No operation of small internal combustion engines (e.g., chainsaws, motorcycles, ATVs) without an approved and functioning spark arrestor.

Section 2: These restrictions shall apply within the incorporated limits of Brighton and remain in effect until rescinded by the State Forester or by subsequent action of the Council.

Section 3: Brighton urges all residents, contractors, visitors, and recreational users to comply with these restrictions in the interest of public safety and wildfire prevention.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Brighton Council of Brighton, Utah, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 2025.

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Dan Knopp, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kara John, Town Clerk

