

EMIGRATION CANYON

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-11

DATE: August 26, 2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS WITHIN EMIGRATION CANYON

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 moistures; 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 municipal limits; and

WHEREAS, Emigration Canyon 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 Emigration Canyon formally adopt the State's Stage 2 Fire Restrictions to align with regional public safety efforts and promote consistent messaging and enforcement across jurisdictions; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMIGRATION CANYON CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Emigration Canyon hereby adopts and enforces 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2: These restrictions shall apply within the incorporated limits of Emigration Canyon and remain in effect until rescinded by the State Forester or by subsequent action of the Council.

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

Section 4: Emigration Canyon shall coordinate with Unified Fire Authority and community partners to ensure communication and enforcement of these restrictions, including clarification of restrictions that may affect construction and recreational activities.

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a duly called meeting of the Emigration Canyon Council on this 26th day of August 2025.

EMIGRATION CANYON COUNCIL



By: Joe Smolka, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diana Baun, City Recorder

Voting:

Mayor Smolka voting

aye

Council Member Hawkes voting

aye

Council Member Brems voting

aye

Council Member Pinon voting

aye

Council Member Harris voting

aye

(Complete as Applicable)

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