

COALVILLE CITY RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-1

FIREWORKS AND FIRES RESTRICTIONS DURING SPRING AND SUMMER PERIOD OF 2026

THIS ADOPTS AND INCORPORATES THE FIRE-RELATED RESTRICTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH SUMMIT FIRE DISTRICT INTO ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that current and forecasted wildfire conditions, including low snowpack and early fuel drying, create elevated fire risk within Coalville City; and

WHEREAS, as shown in Exhibit A, the North Summit Fire District has recommended a restriction period on consumer fireworks and open-burning activities to reduce the likelihood of human-caused fires; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that temporary restrictions are necessary to protect residents, property, and community infrastructure during the 2026 high-risk period.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALVILLE, UTAH SETS FORTH THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

- I. **PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION.** The provisions hereinafter contained and enacted are in pursuance of and for the purpose of securing and promoting the public health and general welfare of persons in Coalville City in restricting the use of fires, fireworks, and activities that may increase the risk of fire so as:
 - a. **Restriction Period.** The use of any type of fireworks, open burning, and other ignition sources, is restricted within Coalville City beginning **May 1, 2026**, and ending **October 31, 2026**, including the 4th and 24th of July, unless otherwise provided;
 - b. **Prohibition of Fires and Fireworks.** During the Restriction Period, it is unlawful for any person to initiate burning, have an open fire or use any type of fireworks within the Coalville City limit. This prohibition also includes non-permitted burning.

- c. **Permitted Fires.** Fires in designated firepits, and containers designed to contain fire in the ordinary use, are allowed where there are reasonable and adequate protections from flammable materials.
- II. **Enforcement.** Violations of this resolution shall be enforced in accordance with Ordinance No. 2016-2, as amended by Ordinance No. 2026-3, and any applicable state or local fire-prevention regulations.
- III. **Exceptions.** These restrictions do not apply to:
 - a. Public fireworks displays that have been permitted and approved by Coalville City and coordinated with North Summit Fire District; and
 - b. Activities expressly authorized by Coalville City or the North Summit Fire District under applicable laws, permits, or safety standards.
- IV. **Ordinance NO.** 2016-2. All provisions contained in Ordinance NO. 2016-2 that are not in conflict with this Resolution shall remain in full force an effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Coalville City, Utah this 27th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:



 City Recorder

COALVILLE CITY:



 Mayor Rory Swensen

Council Member Boyer
 Council Member Brady
 Council Member Peterson
 Council Member Powis
 Council Member Wood

Voted Aye
 Voted Aye
 Voted Aye
 Voted Aye
 Voted Absent



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March 6, 2026

Mayor Rory Swensen
Coalville City
10 North Main Street
Coalville, Utah 84017

Subject: Request for Seasonal Restrictions on Fireworks and Open Burning

Dear Mayor Swensen and Members of the Coalville City Council,

As Fire Chief of the North Summit Fire District, I am writing to respectfully request that Coalville City consider implementing seasonal restrictions on consumer fireworks and open burning activities within city limits beginning **May 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026**, or until such time as conditions improve.

This recommendation is based on several factors currently affecting fire risk throughout Summit County and the surrounding region:

1. Elevated Wildfire Risk

Current environmental conditions indicate an increased potential for wildfire ignition and rapid fire spread. Dry fuels, warmer seasonal forecasts, and regional drought conditions contribute to an elevated fire danger earlier in the year than historically experienced.

2. Snowpack and Weather Conditions

Regional snowpack levels remain significantly below historical averages. Reduced snowpack and earlier seasonal warming accelerate the curing and drying of vegetation, which can advance wildfire season into late spring and early summer.

3. Community and Infrastructure Protection

Coalville is surrounded by wildland and wildland-urban interface areas. Preventing human-caused ignitions during periods of elevated fire risk helps protect residents, homes, infrastructure, and critical watershed areas.

These proposed restrictions would **not apply to permitted public fireworks displays approved by the City**, or to other activities specifically authorized by the City and the Fire District.



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Recreational fires that meet the requirements outlined in the **International Fire Code and local fire district guidelines** may also remain permissible when conditions allow.

The North Summit Fire District's primary responsibility is the safety of our residents, visitors, and communities. Implementing proactive restrictions provides an important tool in reducing wildfire risk and protecting the communities we serve.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I would be happy to meet with you or the City Council to discuss this recommendation and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Ben Nielson

Fire Chief

North Summit Fire District