

**MOAB CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE 2026-10**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY BAN ON THE DISCHARGE OF
FIREWORKS WITHIN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF MOAB**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Moab (“**City**”) is an incorporated municipality and receives fire services from the Moab Valley Fire Protection District (“**District**”), which is a Utah special district that serves as the City’s fire marshal; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code §§ 51A-5-202.5 and 53-7-225 authorize cities and towns to prohibit the use of ignition sources, including fireworks, in certain areas within their municipal boundaries that have existing or historical hazardous environmental conditions as determined by their fire marshal; and

WHEREAS, the District’s fire marshal has determined pursuant to Utah Code § 51A-5-202.5(1)(b) that certain areas within the City are at high risk of fire due to existing or historical hazardous environmental conditions, as depicted in the map attached to this ordinance as **Exhibit A**, which the District prepared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code § 15A-5-202.5(1)(b), the City Council finds that: (a) the historical hazardous environmental conditions depicted in the attached map have existed in the applicable areas for at least two of the preceding five years; (b) the areas depicted in the attached map fall within the categories of areas subject to closure for fireworks in Subsection (3)(b).1.1 of the aforementioned statute; (c) allowing the discharge of fireworks in the areas depicted in the attached map would be careless and negligent; and (d) prohibiting the discharge of fireworks in the areas depicted in the attached map would be in the best interests of public health, safety, and welfare of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Moab City Council as follows pursuant to Utah Code § 15A-5-202.5(3):

1. Prohibition on the Discharge of Fireworks: The discharge of fireworks, as that term is defined in Utah Code § 53-7-202, is prohibited in those areas of the City depicted in the map attached to this ordinance.
2. Conveyance of Map to Grand County: In accordance with Utah Code § 15A-5-202.5(1)(b)3.3, the City Recorder is directed and authorized to provide a copy of the map attached to this ordinance to Grand County.
3. Duration. This ordinance will remain in effect until April 1, 2027, at which time the Moab City Council will consult with the District’s fire marshal to determine whether existing or historical hazardous environmental conditions warrant the extension, modification, or removal of the prohibition established in this ordinance.

4. Violation: Violations of this ordinance shall be deemed a Class B Misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided in the Moab Municipal Code and Utah law, meaning that violations may be punishable to up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.
5. Severability: If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any part of this ordinance is unconstitutional or invalid, then such portion of this ordinance, or specific application of this ordinance, shall be severed from the remainder, which shall continue in full force and effect.
6. Direction to Mayor and Staff: The Mayor and staff are authorized and directed to take such steps as may be needed: (a) for this ordinance to become effective under Utah law, including but not limited to compliance with the posting requirements of Utah Code § 10-3-711; (b) to post copies of the attached map to the City's website and to the Utah Public Notice website; (c) to otherwise finalize and post the ordinance, including but not limited to making non-substantive edits to correct any scrivener's, formatting, and numbering errors; and (d) to take such other steps to notify the public of this ordinance that the Mayor or city manager may deem necessary.
7. Repealer: Ordinance 2019-20 is repealed in its entirety and any other City ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof that conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they conflict with this ordinance.
8. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its posting.

[Execution on following page]

ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a duly called meeting of the Moab City Council on this 28th day of April 2026.

MOAB CITY


By: Joette Langianese, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sommar Johnson, Municipal Recorder

City Council Vote as Recorded:

Council Member Loftin	<u>AYE</u>
Council Member Knuteson-Boyd	<u>AYE</u>
Council Member Myers	<u>AYE</u>
Council Member Taylor	<u>AYE</u>
Council Member Topper	<u>AYE</u>

(Complete as Applicable)

Date ordinance summary was published on the Utah Public Notice Website per Utah Code §10-3-711:

APRIL 29, 2026

Effective date of ordinance: APRIL 29, 2026

**SUMMARY OF
MOAB CITY
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10**

On April 28, 2026, the Moab City Council enacted Ordinance No. 2026-10 to enact temporary prohibitions on the use of fireworks and open fires in certain areas of the City designated by the Moab Valley Fire Protection District, which serves as the City's fire marshal, as being at high risk of fire due to existing or historical hazardous environmental conditions.

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A complete copy of Ordinance No. 2026-10 is available in the office of the Moab City Recorder.

Exhibit A

Restricted Areas for
Fireworks and Open Fires in Moab City

2026 City of Moab Fireworks Restrictions Map

City Restrictions

 Creeks	 Fireworks prohibited/ High fire risk area
 City limits	

