

Scofield Town Ordinance No. 6-15-2026

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF AERIAL FIREWORKS AND SKY LANTERNS WITHIN DESIGNATED AREAS OF SCOFIELD TOWN DUE TO HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Acting Fire Chief of Scofield Town has determined that hazardous environmental conditions presently exist within portions of Scofield Town due to drought, low humidity, dry vegetation, elevated temperatures, and wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, the Scofield Town Council finds that certain areas within Scofield Town have experienced hazardous environmental conditions during at least two of the preceding five years; and

WHEREAS, the Scofield Town Council further finds that the ignition or discharge of aerial fireworks and sky lanterns within the affected areas creates an unreasonable risk of wildfire ignition and spread; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that restricting aerial fireworks and sky lanterns within the affected areas is necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare, property, and natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SCOFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

"Aerial Fireworks" means any consumer firework designed or intended to rise into the air, leave the ground, travel through the air, explode above ground, emit airborne projectiles, or otherwise function while airborne. This includes, without limitation, pyrotechnic devices launched into the sky to produce high-altitude and low altitude visual and auditory effects, such as bright colors, loud bangs, and shimmering trails. They are ignited on the ground and project effects high into the air using a lifting charge

"Sky Lantern" means an unmanned device that uses heated air produced by an open flame to become airborne.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION.

The ignition, discharge, or use of aerial fireworks and sky lanterns is prohibited within the areas depicted on the map attached to and incorporated into this Ordinance.

Ground-based fireworks, fountains, sparklers, smoke devices, novelty devices, and other fireworks that remain on the ground and do not become airborne shall remain permitted unless otherwise prohibited by state law.

SECTION 3. MAP.

The map attached to this Ordinance is incorporated herein by reference and identifies the areas subject to the restrictions established by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. DURATION.

This Ordinance shall remain in effect until April 1, 2027, unless earlier modified, extended, or repealed by the Scofield Town Council.

SECTION 5. VIOLATIONS.

Any person who violates this Ordinance is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided by Utah law and the Scofield Town Municipal Code.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Scofield Town Council this 15 day of June, 2026

SCOFIELD TOWN

By: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk



ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ralph Brinkerhoff Yes ☒ No

Kim Erkkila ☒ Yes No

Meliss Holloway ☒ Yes No

Brad Peacock ☒ Yes No