

TOWN OF ALTA

ORDINANCE # 2026-O-12

ORDINANCE ADOPTING FIRE RESTRICTIONS MATCHING THE STATE OF UTAH STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF ALTA

WHEREAS, the State Forester of Utah, pursuant to Utah Code Section 65A-8-212, has issued a Stage 2 Fire Restriction Order effective June 26, 2026, 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 Alta ("Alta") 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 Alta 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, Alta intends to adopt 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 ORDAINED BY THE ALTA TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Alta hereby adopts the State of Utah's Stage 2 Fire Restrictions for the entire Town of Alta including the following prohibitions:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using **any fire**, campfire, or stove fire. This includes charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves and tent stoves and includes use at homes and in developed camping and picnic grounds.

Devices using pellets, pressurized liquid or gas (stoves, grills or lanterns) that include shutoff valves **are allowed** when used in an area at least three feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles.

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area that is paved or barren and free of dry vegetation.
3. Discharging or using any fireworks, tracer ammunition, pyrotechnic devices, including exploding targets.
4. Cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.

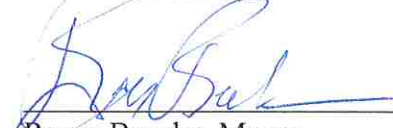
5. Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.
6. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty is exempt from these prohibitions.

Section 2: Violation of this Ordinance is a Class B misdemeanor punishable as provided by Alta Town Code.

Section 3: Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication and posting and shall remain in effect within the incorporated limits of Alta until the earlier of October 31, 2026 or by subsequent action of the Town Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Alta Council of Alta, Utah, this 8th day of July in the year 2026.

TOWN OF ALTA



Roger Bourke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jen Clancy, Town Clerk

Voting:

Mayor Bourke

Council Member Antil

Council Member Schilling

yes
yes
yes

Council Member Morgan

Council Member Heimark

yes
yes

(Complete as Applicable)

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