

TOWN OF BRIGHTON

ORDINANCE #2026 – O – 7-1

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

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 Brighton (“Brighton”) 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 Brighton 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, Brighton 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 BRIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Brighton hereby adopts the State of Utah’s Stage 2 Fire Restrictions for the entire Town of Brighton 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.

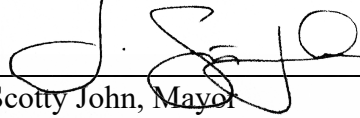
5. Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.
6. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty is exempt from these prohibitions.

Section 2: Any of the above acts is a violation of law and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

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

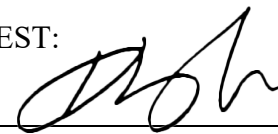
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Brighton Council of Brighton, Utah, this 14th day of July in the year 2026.

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Scotty John, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara John, Town Clerk

