RESOLUTION NO. 9-2022

A RESOLUTION FOR OPEN BURNING RESTRICTION AND BAN ON THE USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, CROOK COUNTY WYOMING

WHEREAS, severe to extreme fire situation exists throughout Crook County, created by a heavy fuel load, dry conditions, and extreme drought, have created situations that over-extend the firefighting capability of local government; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Moorcroft Mayor and Council have determined that there is an extreme fire danger; and

WHEREAS this open burning restriction and ban on the use of fireworks shall begin immediately until rescinded by the Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TO GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, CROOK COUNTY WYOMING HEREBY RESOLVES:

- 1. That the discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires are prohibited in the Town of Moorcroft, Crook County, Wyoming immediately on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022, at 8:00 AM and ending no later than October 15, 2022, unless temporarily lifted or reimposed by Governing Body of the Town of Moorcroft, Crook County Wyoming.
- 2. That the following terms shall govern outdoor fires in the Town of Moorcroft, Crook County, Wyoming:

OPEN FIRES PROHIBITED, EXCEPTIONS-

- (i) It shall be unlawful for any person to start or ignite, or cause to be started or ignited, any fire within the Town outside of a home, garage, shop of other enclosed building, except: (i) a fire in a barbeque or smoker used for cooking food (gas, charcoal or otherwise); or (ii) a recreation fire as defined in subsection (b) below.
- (ii) The term "recreational fire" as used in subsection (a) above shall mean a small, controlled fire contained in either a free-standing non-flammable fire box or container or in a non-flammable enclosure on or in the ground, which does not exceed ten square feet in size. Except when igniting the fire, only wood or commercial fireplace logs shall be burned, which shall be of such size so as to fit completely within the fire box, fire container or fire enclosure. Except when tending the fire, the fire shall at all times be enclosed by non-flammable materials to prevent the fire from burning outside of the fire box, fire container or fire enclosure, and to prevent sparks from the fire becoming airborne. At all times the fire shall be attended by a person sixteen years of age or older."

- (iii) Cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco must be extinguished and disposed of properly and are prohibited from being thrown out from vehicles;
- (v) Discharge of fireworks are prohibited except as authorized by a permit granted by the Town Council for public display.
- 3. If any portion of this resolution is ruled to be not effective by a court the remaining portion of this resolution shall remain in effect.
- 4. The Governing Body of the Town of Moorcroft has the authority to temporarily lift and or reimpose this Burn Restriction and shall provide notice as set forth in paragraph 1 above until rescinded by the Council unless temporarily lifted or reimposed during that term.

PASSED, APPROVED AND DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST 2022

Town of Moorcroft Town Council Meeting IN AND FOR Town of Moorcroft, Crook County, Wyoming.

Ben Glenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl Schrleider, Clerk/Treasurer