

RESOLUTION NO. 39-26

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A BAN ON THE SALE, EXCHANGE, BARTER OR TRADE OF OR IN FIREWORKS AND ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR THE SAME IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Recitals:

The severe to extreme drought conditions Mesa County is currently experiencing are similar to those in 2018, which was one of the busiest WUI seasons in history, with more than 430,000 acres burned. The National Interagency Fire Center is predicting significant wildland fire potential for the region to be above average. There have already been 114 Red Flag days in the state, and more than 660,000 acres have been burned. That is a 900% increase over 2025.

Pursuant to GJMC Section 15.44.040(e), amended Section 307.1 of Chapter Three of the 2024 International Fire Code ("Fire Code") duly adopted in the City, the Fire Chief has authority to declare by emergency order any temporary restriction on fire, burning or other activity(ies) that endanger the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City. Typically, such order is in response to an emergency condition; however, because of the pervasive drought conditions, the City Council, by and with the recommendation of the City Manager and the Fire Chief, is with this resolution imposing a ban on the sale, exchange, barter or trade of or in fireworks and issuance of temporary permits for the same in the City of Grand Junction beginning May 7, 2026 and continuing until the restriction(s) is(are) lifted by order of the Fire Chief.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

The City Council finds and directs that the Fire Chief and the City Manager shall liberally construe the foregoing provisions for and in the interest of protecting the public, which construction may include but not necessarily be limited to denying pending permits and/or declining any permit application(s) pertaining to sale, use, trade, barter, exchange or display.

Furthermore, the City Council finds and hereby determines that such direction is and will be protective of the general health, safety and welfare of the community.

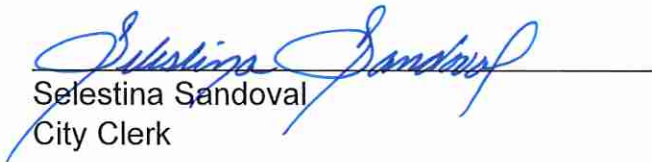
Violators are subject to penalties as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May 2026.


Laurel Lutz
President of City Council



ATTEST:


Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk