INTERLAKEN TOWN WASATCH COUNTY, UTAH

PROHIBITION OF FIREWORKS AND OPEN WOOD FIRES ORDINANCE JULY 2, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 12

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING FIREWORKS AND OPEN WOOD FIRES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF INTERLAKEN TOWN

WHEREAS, Utah Code §53-7-225, prohibits the discharge of Class C common state approved explosives (fireworks) except around certain holidays including beginning on July 2 and ending on July 5, and beginning on July 22 and ending on July 25;

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 15A-5-202.5(1)(b) allows municipalities to "close a defined area to the discharge of fireworks due to a historical hazardous environmental condition" if the "historical hazardous environmental condition has existed in the defined area before July 1 of at least two of the preceding five years;"

WHEREAS, INTERLAKEN TOWN finds that existing hazardous environmental conditions have existed within the designated Wildland Urban Interface Area before July 1 of at least two of the preceding five years;

WHEREAS, the Wasatch County Fire Marshal has prohibited fireworks and wood fires in certain areas of cities where vegetation is overgrown or in benches and foothills where wild land fire potential is extreme;

WHEREAS, INTERLAKEN TOWN finds that the designated Wildland Urban Interface Area, contains innumerable mountainous, brush-covered, forest covered, and dry grass-covered areas which historically and, for at least two of the preceding five years before July 1st, are in an extremely flammable condition;

WHEREAS, if existing or historical hazardous environmental conditions exist within the boundaries of the designated Wildland Urban Interface Area, Utah Code §15A-5-202.5 allows the Council to prohibit the ignition and use of fireworks while these conditions exist in the following areas: (1) mountainous, brush- covered, forest covered, or dry grass-covered areas; (2) within 200 feet of waterways, trails, canyons, washes, ravines, or similar areas; (3) wildland urban interface area, which means the line, area, or zone where structures or other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or land being used for an agricultural purpose; or (4) a limited area outside the hazardous areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDAINED, by the Town Council of Interlaken Town, Wasatch County, Utah, pursuant to the provisions of Utah Code Ann. 15A-5-202.5, and based on the findings as noted above, that the use of fireworks, pyrotechnics, and open wood fires are hereby prohibited in all areas of INTERLAKEN TOWN at all times.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of July, 2024.

APPROVER:

Mayor: Gregory Harrigan

ATTEST:

Town Clerk and Administrator: Bart Smith

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