

**TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 16-2025**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN
OF PAONIA, COLORADO ENACTING STAGE 1 FIRE
RESTRICTIONS WITHIN PAONIA TOWN LIMITS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, pursuant to C.R.S. §31-15-601 (j.5), and C.R.S. §31-15-401 (1) (q), is authorized to control and limit fires, including, but limited to, placing restrictions and regulations on where fires are permitted; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Delta County, Colorado pursuant to C.R.S. §30-10-512 and C.R.S. §30-10-513, is authorized to act as fire warden of Delta County and is responsible for coordination of fire suppression efforts, has enacted an order restricting fires within the unincorporated areas of the County outside the boundaries of fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees ("the Board") of the Town of Paonia, Colorado, along with other incorporated communities in Delta County, Colorado, have consulted with Emergency Management, the Delta County Sheriff's Office, fire protection districts and State and Federal land and wildfire management professionals who determined that Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are necessary and prudent to reduce the danger of wildfires, and to protect the life, health and safety of residents and personal property within the Town of Paonia; and

WHEREAS, the current danger of forest and/or grass fires in Paonia and Delta County is high due to ongoing drought conditions across the county with hot, dry, windy weather conditions, low fuel moisture levels, and a low availability of fire suppression resources within the region, which could cause fires to grow rapidly and threaten public safety and private property;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO, COUNTY OF DELTA, STATE OF COLORADO THAT:

SECTION 1. As of July 3, 2025 at 5:00 P.M., Stage One Fire Restrictions will be implemented within Paonia.

SECTION 2. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions shall remain in effect until rescinded by Order of the Sheriff, or by Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Paonia, whichever happens first.

SECTION 3. Stage 1 restrictions have also been implemented on lands managed by the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG), the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service across Western Colorado and federal fire restrictions may differ from Paonia's fire restrictions. It is the responsibility of individuals to know and adhere to restrictions. A complete listing of county and federal land fire restrictions can be found at: www.WestSlopeFireInfo.com.

SECTION 4. The Following are PROHIBITED during Stage 1 Fire Restrictions:

- Building of an open fire including agricultural burning of fields, fence rows, ditches, piles, slash or wildland broadcast burning;
- Fires within a town-installed fire pit or grill on public property such as within parks;
- Burning of trash or debris;
- Smoking in areas that are NOT barren or cleared of flammable materials at least three (3) feet in diameter;
- The use of fireworks of any kind to include the use of exploding targets or tracer ammunition;
- Use of a chainsaw or other internal combustion engine WITHOUT a properly installed USDA or SAE approved spark arrestor;
- Welding or use of acetylene torches which produce a flame near combustible material without a pressurized class 2A fire extinguisher.

SECTION 5. The Following are ALLOWED during Stage 1 Fire Restrictions:

- Fires within a permanent fire pit, ring or BBQ grill at a private residence;
- Use of a fully enclosed (shepherd type) stove with a ¼" spark arrestor type screen properly installed;
- Use of residential fire features such as a chiminea, tiki torches, or gas fire pits when supervised by a responsible adult;
- Use of liquid or gas fueled stoves, lanterns and heating devices with a controlled flame and shut-off valve;
- Use of a chainsaw or other internal combustion engine WITH a USDA/SAE approved spark arrestor properly installed and functioning while in possession of an eight (8) ounce or greater chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and a rounded point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available;
- Welding in a safe manner in an area void of combustible material within ten (10) feet and while possessing a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by a vote of 4 for and 0 against at a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 3, 2025, at 4:30 P.M., at the Paonia Town Hall, 214 Grand Avenue, Paonia, Colorado.

TOWN OF PAONIA, COLORADO

Paige Smith

Paige Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Samira M. Vetter

Samira M. Vetter, Town Clerk

