



## RESOLUTION NO. 22-26

### **A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM EXTREME OR SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF TAOS AND TO BAN THE SALE AND USE OF CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN THE TOWN**

**WHEREAS**, the Hermit's Peak and Cook's peak fire has created an immediate and present danger to the life, safety, health, and welfare of residents of the Town of Taos and northern New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, current fire conditions such as low humidity, dry weather, wind and fire fuel content have resulted in extremely dangerous fire conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, current forecasts from the National Weather Service do not include significant precipitation in the immediate future; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety and welfare of citizens are in danger as a result if such conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, 60-2C-8.1 (E) (1999), et seq., provides that the Town Council of the Town of Taos may, after hearing, declare that extreme or severe drought conditions exist, and proclaim certain restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Council hereby resolves and proclaims as follows:

1. The Hermit's Peak and Cook's Peak fire has created a significant and immediate threat to the life, safety, health, and welfare of residents of the Town of Taos.
2. There currently exists within the Town of Taos extreme or severe drought conditions, creating a significant and immediate threat to the life, safety, health and welfare of residents of the Town of Taos, and to public and private property located within the Town of Taos.
3. The sale and use of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices are banned within the municipal limits of the Town of Taos.
4. The use of fireworks not listed in Paragraph 2 above is limited to areas that are paved or barren to have a readily accessible source of water for use by the homeowner or general public.

5. The use of all fireworks within wildlands in the Town of Taos is banned, the State Forester having been consulted as required by statute and having concurred with such ban.
6. The sale and use of display fireworks are banned within the Town of Taos.
7. This resolution and Proclamation shall be effective for 30 days from the date below, but may be reissued if extreme or severe drought conditions warrant. Further, this Resolution and Proclamation may be modified or rescinded within the 30 days of their effectiveness by the Town Council, after conducting an emergency hearing, determines that weather conditions have improved.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, this 24th day of May, 2022 at the regular meeting of the Town Council by the following vote:

Mayor Pro Darien Fernandez	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nathaniel Evans	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Corilia Ortega	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Marietta Fambro	<u>yes</u>

**THE TOWN OF TAOS**



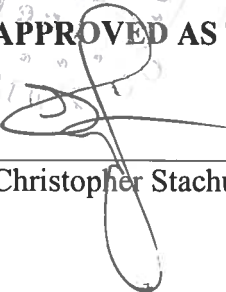
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Pascualito M. Maestas, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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Francella Garcia, Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Christopher Stachura, Esq