

ORDER OF THE SALT LAKE CITY FIRE MARSHAL

The International Fire Code, as adopted by Salt Lake City Corporation, gives the Fire Code Official (defined as the Fire Chief or an authorized representative such as the Salt Lake City Fire Marshal) authority to implement an open flame, fireworks, and burning ban when conditions or local circumstances are such that it poses an increased fire danger to the community.

Under Salt Lake City Code 18.44.020, the City Council authorized the Fire Code Official to determine “that hazardous environmental conditions necessitate controlled use of any ignition sources, including fireworks, lighters, matches and smoking materials, the ignition or use of such ignition sources in mountainous, brush-covered or forest-covered areas or other designated areas is prohibited except in approved designated areas.”

Fire Marshal Anthony Allred has determined that extreme hazardous conditions exist to necessitate a prohibition on any person igniting or discharging class C common state approved explosives (fireworks, as defined in Utah Code 53-7-202(5)) and a prohibition on open burnings and recreational fires (as those terms are defined by the International Fire Code) within the boundaries of Salt Lake City.

The following criteria were considered to determine that hazardous conditions exist to enact this restriction:

- The State of Utah is experiencing unprecedented drought, high temperatures and low humidity, which materially increase the risk of fire.
- Salt Lake City is experiencing extreme drought, which results in dryer vegetation, grasses, and the built environment. and a high likelihood of ignition by a spark or flame from a firework.
- Over the next month, Salt Lake City’s temperatures are predicted to be unseasonably high, with little to no humidity, and potentially exacerbated by increasing winds.
- Public officials and fire authorities throughout Utah have recognized that current environmental conditions have created a serious and material risk of fire, even in urban areas.
- Fires ignited by fireworks have the potential to cause loss of life and significant harm to both public and private property.
- Fires caused by fireworks within the City’s boundaries will inhibit the Salt Lake City Fire Department from using their limited resources to address other emergencies that arise within the City.
- On March 17, 2021, Governor Spencer Cox issued an emergency order due to the severe drought conditions in the State of Utah.

- On June 17, 2021, Governor Spencer Cox indicated that he does not have the authority to restrict fireworks and he is relying on municipalities to enact their own fireworks restrictions to protect life and property.


Due to this extreme danger of fire, Fire Marshal Anthony Allred concludes that hazardous conditions exist to prohibit any person from igniting or discharging class C common state approved explosives (fireworks, as defined in Utah Code 53-7-202(5)) and to prohibit open burnings and recreational fires within the boundaries of Salt Lake City.

This order is effective as of June 22, 2021 and is in effect until rescinded.


Anthony Allred (Jun 22, 2021 08:51 HST)

Fire Marshal Anthony Allred
Battalion Chief


Approved as to form:


Katherine Lewis (Jun 22, 2021 14:15 MDT)

Katherine Lewis, City Attorney



Attest:


Cindy Lou Trishman (Jun 22, 2021 14:16 MDT)

Cindy Lou Trishman, City Recorder

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