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Hurricane City Council Special Emergency Meeting Agenda

June 23, 2021

3:00 PM

City Council Chambers 147 N 870 W, Hurricane

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Special Emergency Meeting in the City Council Chambers 147 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT. This meeting will also be available via GoToMeeting. To join the meeting you can do the following: 1.

Download the GoToMeeting app and enter Access Code 111653501 2. Visit

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/111653501> 3. Dial 1(872) 240-3212 and enter Access Code 111653501

AGENDA

3:00 p.m. Discussion and possible action regarding declaration of local emergency

I hereby certify that the above notice was posted to the city website, (www.cityofhurricane.com) posted to the state public notice website, and at the following locations:

1. City office – 147 North 870 West, Hurricane, UT
2. The Post Office – 1075 West 100 North, Hurricane, UT
3. The library – 36 South 300 West, Hurricane, UT

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Hurricane Valley

FIRE SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

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Randy Aton
Dean Cox
Bruce Densley
Wayne Peterson
Richard Hirschi
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To: All Cities and Towns within Hurricane Valley Fire District boundaries

As we get closer to the Independence Day and the Pioneer Day holidays, fuel conditions in our area have continued to become drier and easier to ignite. Also, when the fuels are ignited, they burn more vigorously than what we experience normally in our area. The Utah State Forester has updated the moisture content of the Washington County area fuels (copy available online or at 202 East State, Hurricane). The moisture content of fuels in our area is approaching new lows.

It is my recommendation that all fireworks, other than professionally operated and permitted shows, be banned for this year. Hurricane Valley Fire District is understanding of the fact that firework displays are part of our traditions and often call for discharge of legal fireworks; however, we ask that this year we celebrate in other ways.



Kevin Gildea
Fire Marshal
Hurricane Valley Fire District

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FULL FIRE RESTRICTIONS

With the legal date of discharge of fireworks approaching, Hurricane City, in conjunction with Hurricane Valley Fire District, Washington County and the State of Utah reiterate the hazardous situation we find ourselves in with the prolonged drought coupled with the elevated temperatures.

In light of the conditions that exist, and the need to mitigate potential catastrophic fires, Hurricane City has implemented **FULL FIRE RESTRICTIONS** throughout all private and public lands within Hurricane City. These restrictions also include all restrictions imposed by the **Fire Restriction Order** issued by the State of Utah.

The penalty and sanction for any violation may carry a class B misdemeanor charge, with a fine of up to \$1,000.00 per incident, plus surcharge and restitution, and up to six months in jail.

RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES

NO ALLOWABLE AREAS FOR 2021

1. **Igniting, building, or using any fire, including agricultural burning, which is not contained in a manner so as to prevent the spreading of such fire.**
2. **The use of combustible materials, such as charcoal briquettes, that are not contained in a manner so as to prevent the spreading of a fire or the unintended starting of a fire**
3. **The discharge or use of any fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices, including exploding targets. Professional displays may be authorized as reviewed and approved by Hurricane City and Hurricane Valley Fire District.**
4. **The operation of a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in working condition, as determined by the Society of Automotive Engineers (“SAE”), recommended practices J335 and J350.**
5. **The cutting, welding or grinding of metal in areas of dry vegetation.**
6. **Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreation site or areas of a minimum of three (3) feet in diameter cleared down to mineral soil.**

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

*Devices using pellets, pressurized liquid fuel, or gas (stoves, fire pits, grills, heaters, lanterns, etc.) that include shut-off valves are permitted when used in an area at least three (3) feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HURRICANE, UTAH,
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND IMPLEMENTING FULL FIRE RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE HURRICANE CITY.**

WHEREAS Hurricane City and surrounding areas experienced a record dry and near record hot calendar year in 2020, with drought conditions having continued into 2021; and

WHEREAS fuel moisture levels are approaching critical levels; and

WHEREAS Hurricane City continues to experience extension of Red Flag Warnings indicating a higher-than-average risk of devastating fires in both the developed and undeveloped areas of Hurricane; and

WHEREAS Hurricane City and the surrounding areas of Washington County continue to experience fires on developed and undeveloped land which require a multi-agency response in order to protect life and property of our citizens; and

WHEREAS certain actions have been recognized as increasing the risk of igniting a fire; and

WHEREAS Hurricane City, in consultation with Hurricane Valley Fire District and in conjunction with the State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, has determined that hazardous environmental conditions exist within Hurricane that necessitate controlling the use of fireworks and ignition sources due to the extremely dry conditions and the presence of dry weeds and other vegetation which has greatly enhanced the danger of fire and creating a high risk of fire; and

WHEREAS in recognition of imminent fire danger in Hurricane City and surrounding areas the Mayor of the Hurricane City has declared by Resolution a state of local emergency pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §53-2a-208(1)(a); and

WHEREAS pursuant to the Fire Restriction Order issued by the State of Utah, and in accordance with Utah Code Ann. §65A-8-212, and the additional restrictions imposed by the Hurricane Valley Fire District; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Hurricane City Council, Utah that the following acts shall be prohibited on all private and public lands within Hurricane City:

1. Igniting, building, or using any fire, including agricultural burning, which is not contained in a manner so as to prevent the spreading of such fire.
2. The use of combustible materials, such as charcoal briquettes, that are not contained in a manner so as to prevent the spreading of a fire or the unintended starting of a fire.
3. The discharge or use of any fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices, including exploding targets. Professional displays may be authorized as reviewed and approved by Hurricane City and Hurricane Valley Fire District.

4. The operation of a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in working condition, as determined by the Society of Automotive Engineers (“SAE”), recommended practices J335 and J350.
5. The cutting, welding or grinding of metal in areas of dry vegetation.
6. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreation site or areas of a minimum of three (3) feet in diameter cleared down to mineral soil.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following acts shall be allowed within Hurricane City as an exemption to the Fire Restriction Order:

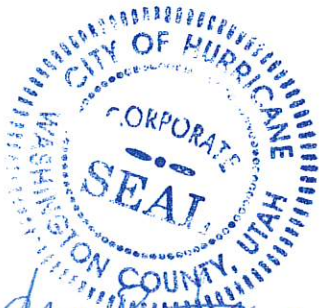
1. The use of stoves, fire pits, grills, heaters, lanterns and other devices that use pellets, pressurized liquid fuel, liquid petroleum or gas, and which also include shut-off valves, shall be permitted when used in an area at least three (3) feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles; and
2. Professional firework displays at such locations and times as may be approved by the Hurricane City Council and Hurricane Valley Fire District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a violation of this Resolution shall be punishable as a class B misdemeanor, with a fine of up to \$1,000.00 for each separate violation, a jail sentence of up to six (6) months, restitution, or any combination thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall supersede all prior resolutions, rules, regulations or policies with respect to the subject matter contained herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval and passage.

DATED this 23rd day of June, 2021.



ATTEST:

Cindy Beteag
Cindy Beteag, Recorder

HURRICANE CITY

John W. Bramall
John W. Bramall, Mayor