

RESOLUTION 2008-07

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs, County of Lincoln, New Mexico has determined that due to conditions of extreme drought, the present fire danger is exceedingly high within the municipality of Ruidoso Downs, and;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs has further determined that, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Ruidoso Downs, the Governing Body must take emergency action at its regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, hereby proclaims a five-class adjective rating will be used for to achieve consistency in fire danger rating and restrictions. The adjective rating will be calculated by a comprehensive software system designated as WIMS (Weather Information Management System) and is displayed as a matrix of the calculated staffing level according to the actual and predicted ERC (Energy Release Component). The Energy Release Component is based on the estimated potential of available energy released per unit area in the flaming front of a fire. This measure can fluctuate on a daily basis, although less than the BI (Burning Index) that is caused by changes in moisture content of various fuel classes, including the 1000-hour time lag fuels and is affected by wind. It is derived from the predictions of the rate of heat released per unit area during flaming combustion and the duration of flaming.

Each class of fire restrictions, as worded within the attachment, will include the provisions of the previous, lesser restrictions unless specifically stated. The change of classes and restrictions must receive prior approval of the Fire Chief before being instituted. Fire restriction levels must be maintained for a minimum of ten days consecutively, before a change to a higher level or lower level will be authorized. This Resolution is to remain in effect for 140 days until rescinded or extended by the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs pursuant to NMSA 60-2C-8.1.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April 2008

Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs

Tom Armstrong, Mayor

Gary Williams, Councilor

Dean Holman, Councilor

Tommy Hood, Councilor

Rene Olivo, Councilor

ATTEST:

Carol Virden, City Clerk

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Classes I, II, III ERC 0-75 FIRE DANGER NORMAL (Low, Moderate, High)

LEVEL I FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

NO OPEN FIRE

NO FIREWORKS

Class IV ERC 75-83 FIRE DANGER VERY HIGH

LEVEL II FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

**NO CHARCOAL OR WOOD BURNING BRIQUETTES ON ANY PUBLIC
OR PRIVATE PROPERTY**

UL/FM APPROVED GRILLS SHALL BE ALLOWED

NO OUTSIDE SMOKING ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY

SMOKING MUST OCCUR WITHIN CLOSED VEHICLES OF INDOORS

Class V ERC 84 AND ABOVE FIRE DANGER EXTREME

LEVEL III FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

NO OPEN FLAME OR FIRE OF ANY KIND ALLOWED

ALL FORMS OF FIRE ARE PROHIBITED

(This is to include outdoor cooking with any type of appliance, open fires, fireworks, smoking outside a structure, etc.)

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