

ORDINANCE NO. 2000 - 5**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO, PROVIDING FOR THE
ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE BANS WITHIN ARCHULETA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, 30-15-401.5 C.R.S. provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt Fire Safety Standards; and

WHEREAS, 30-15-401(1)(n.5) C.R.S. authorizes Boards of County Commissioners to adopt, by majority vote, bans on the open burning of fires when the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high; and

WHEREAS, 30-15-402 C.R.S. provides for criminal penalties for violation of County Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare that lawful means of enforcing fire bans be enacted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO:

1. That the following Fire Safety Standard is hereby adopted for all of the unincorporated areas of Archuleta County, Colorado, pursuant to 30-15-401.5 and 30-15-401(1)(n.5) C.R.S.
 - a. The Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County, Colorado, by majority vote, may ban open fires within the unincorporated areas of County when danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high pursuant to 30-15-401(1)(n.5) C.R.S.
 - b. When the Board of County Commissioners has adopted a fire ban pursuant to 30-15-401(1)(n.5) C.R.S. the violation of the terms thereof shall constitute a Class 2 petty offense and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars for each separate violation. The penalty assessment procedure as provided in 16-2-201 C.R.S. may be followed by any authorized enforcement officer. In addition to the fine, persons convicted of a violation are subject to a surcharge of ten dollars pursuant, and subject to, the provisions of 30-15-402(2) C.R.S.
 - c. Enforcement of, and citation for, violation of the provisions of the Ordinance may be pursuant to the provisions of 30-15-410 C.R.S., and, in addition thereto, authorized officers from the fire protection district within Archuleta County shall also have authority to enforce, and cite for, violations of the Ordinance.

d. That the fire ban shall be in effect until one of the following shall occur:

- (1) The Sheriff, acting as Fire Marshall, may request that the Board of County Commissioners remove the fire ban from all or part of the county;
- (2) The Sheriff, acting as Fire Marshall, may grant written permission to allow open fires upon request provided that it is proven to his satisfaction that such exception to the fire ban does not constitute a high danger of forest or grass fires; or
- (3) The conditions of high danger of forest or grass fires shall materially change as determined in a review of competent evidence by the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County.

2. That due to the extreme fire conditions in western Colorado, the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Archuleta County, Colorado, require that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED in Pagosa Springs, Colorado this 27th day of July, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST

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