

TOWN OF BLUFF, UTAH ORDINANCE 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING FIRE RESTRICTIONS WITHIN BLUFF IN 2026

WHEREAS, due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with record dry vegetation conditions and extreme fire danger throughout Utah; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluff (Town) is an incorporated municipality and the private land within incorporated limits is not subject to the restrictions imposed by the State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands; and

WHEREAS, the Bluff Town Council (Council) has a goal to reduce the threat of fires within Town limits that could cause extensive damage; and

WHEREAS, Bluff is protected from damage by fires by a volunteer fire department with limited resources; and

WHEREAS, State Stage 1 restrictions on State of Utah Lands include the following: (1) No open fires of any kind except within established public facilities in improved campgrounds, picnic areas. -OR- In permanently constructed fire pits at private homes where running water is present; (2) No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation; (3) No fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices including exploding targets; (4) No cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation; (5) No operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor; and

WHEREAS, Utah State Code § 65A-8-211 identifies the period from June 1 to October 31 of each year as “closed fire season” throughout the state.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLUFF, UTAH:

SECTION 1. Stage 1 Fire Restriction: Town of Bluff enacts the following fire restrictions: No open fires except within established facilities in improved campgrounds, picnic areas or in permanently constructed fire pits at private homes where running water is present.

SECTION 2. Exemptions: Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty is exempt from the above provisions.

SECTION 3. Area Description: All land within the incorporated Town of Bluff limits is subject to these restrictions.

SECTION 4. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective immediately. The Town Recorder is hereby directed to publish and/or post this Ordinance forthwith.

SECTION 5. Restriction Period: This ordinance shall remain in effect until October 31, 2026, unless otherwise amended or repealed.

SECTION 6. Enforcement: Violations will incur penalties in alignment with those set forth by the State of Utah for non-municipal lands as described in Utah Code 65A-8-211.

Section 7. Severability: If any section, part or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance, and all sections, parts and provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of Bluff, Utah at a duly noticed public meeting this 2 day of June 2026 by the following vote:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Josh Ewing	X			
Mayor Pro-Tem Britt Hornsby	X			
Town Council Member Jennifer Davila	X			
Town Council Member Gary Haws	X			
Town Council Member Spencer Wade	X			

TOWN OF BLUFF

BY:


 Josh Ewing
 Mayor, Town of Bluff



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ATTEST:


 Erin Nelson
 Bluff Town Recorder

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