

The Town of  
*Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming*

**ORDINANCE: 2009-10**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF STAR VALLEY RANCH

**TOWN OF STAR VALLEY RANCH CODE**

**Chapter 15 – Fire Prevention**

**Article 3 – Fireworks, Recreational Fire, and Open Fire ban**

**Article 3-01 General**

The Town of Star Valley Ranch is located in the wildland-urban interface, adjacent to US Forest Service property. Much of the Town is located in areas that are subject to lush forested or grassland vegetation. Approximately one half of the building lots within the Town are undeveloped and not maintained. This creates an increased risk of fire during dry conditions due to the accumulation of heavy dry vegetation. Our Town could be subject to extensive damage should a fire occur. This ordinance is established in anticipation of the potential for high fire danger, and the corresponding threat to life and property in the event of a wildfire, while recognizing the pleasures of a recreational fire.

**Article 3-02 Discharge of Fireworks**

It shall be unlawful for any person to set a flame to, light, fire, explode, discharge, or set off any pyrotechnic device or other object containing powder or other combustible material within the Town boundaries. The effective dates of Article 3-02 shall be from April 1 through November 30 of each year, or when declared by the Mayor with concurrence of at least two (2) Town Councilmen.

**Article 3-03 Recreational Fires**

A recreational fire is defined as an outdoor fire used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes, exclusive of open fires. Unless allowed by one of the following exceptions, it shall be unlawful for any person to have a recreational fire within Town boundaries from April 1 through November 30 of each year or when declared by the Mayor with concurrence of at least two (2) Town Councilmen.

Exceptions:

1. Wood burning fire container:
  - Consisting of a freestanding manufactured outdoor fireplace or fire-pit; and
  - Constructed of stone, concrete block, concrete, metal, ceramic or other noncombustible material; and
  - Shall have burn chambers entirely enclosed by noncombustible solid or spark arresting materials; and

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- Chimneys and / or other smoke and heat discharge areas shall be provided with spark arrestors.
2. Gas burning fire container:
    - Consisting of a freestanding manufactured outdoor fireplace or fire-pit; and
    - Constructed of stone, concrete block, concrete, metal, ceramic or other noncombustible material; and
    - Shall have a burn chamber.
  3. Manufactured or permanently constructed barbecue grills (Gas or Charcoal), designed for food preparation, when in use shall maintain at least the minimum combustible material clearance specified by the manufacturer. If no combustible material clearance is specified, the minimum distance is three (3) feet
  4. All fires must be attended at all times until fully extinguished with water, turned off, or extinguished by other methods resulting in a similar effect.
  5. The Town of Star Valley Ranch reserves the right to issue a one-event, special burn permit with the signature of three council members.
  6. Other "Exceptions" may be permitted but must be requested in writing by a current legal home occupant, approved by signature of any two of the following: the Town Public Safety Advisor, Special Municipal Officer, Public Works Director, Town Administrator and attested by the Town Clerk, a copy of which must be available during the burning period.
  7. NO exceptions as specified in Article 3-03 #6 are permitted when the inherent fire danger is deemed as HIGH or EXTREME by the US Forest Service.

Note: Appendix 11-1 of Ordinance 2007-06, Building and Construction Site Requirements, Paragraph 17, states "No fires are permitted to dispose of construction material, demolition, or yard debris". This is unchanged and stays in effect

#### **Article 3-04 Open Fires**

1. Open burning of any trash, tree trimmings, leaf and grass rakings, or other such debris is prohibited.
2. Open Fires set by Public Safety Officials in performance of their duties are permitted.

#### **Article 3-05 Violation**

Any outdoor fire, not specifically permitted in this ordinance, shall be a violation.

#### **Article 3-06 Fines, Fees and Penalties**

Violators of this Ordinance will be subject to a fine not less than \$250.00 or not to exceed \$1,000.00 per incident. In addition violators may be ordered to pay restitution for any damages caused by the violation.

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**Article 3-07 Severability**

If any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining chapters, sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.

PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009

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Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

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Brenda Bauer, Town Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND READING ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2009

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Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

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Brenda Bauer, Town Clerk

PASSED ON THIRD READING ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2010

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Boyd Siddoway, Mayor

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