

**VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS
DE ALBUQUERQUE
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-6-2**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING DANGEROUS FIRE CONDITIONS AND
EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXISTING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF
LOS RANCHOS; BANNING OPEN BURNING AND IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS
ON THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LOS
RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE**

WHEREAS, the fire danger is the most severe it has been in many years in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque and surrounding jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has declared that extreme drought conditions exist throughout Central New Mexico including the Village of Los Ranchos; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has, as of May 11, 2018, imposed “Stage II” fire restrictions in the Cibola National Forest – Sandia Ranger District, and predicts limited precipitation for the months of June and July; and

WHEREAS, the risk to life, property and the environment clearly exists within the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, due to the drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the possibility of extreme fire situations will severely burden local, state and federal resources; and

WHEREAS, smoking, campfires, and open burning are another source of ignition in the extreme dry, drought conditions currently existing in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth of July holiday presents a greatly increased fire risk because of widespread use of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 60-2C-8.1 NMSA 1978, as amended, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque is authorized to ban the sale and use of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices within the boundaries of the Village, limit the use of certain other fireworks and ban the sale and use of display fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, pursuant to Section 60-2C-8.1 NMSA 1978, as amended, have held a hearing and determined that fireworks restrictions should be imposed based on the severity of drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque will continue to educate the public on prevention and protection from wildfires, during the 2018 wildfire season.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Ranchos that extreme drought condition exists which affects the safety and welfare of Los Ranchos citizens and their property, and therefore:

1. Bans open burning and campfires in all of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.
2. Restricts outdoor smoking to paved or barren areas.
3. Bans the sale and use of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices within the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.
4. Limits the use of ground and hand-held sparkling and smoke device type fireworks, as identified and defined in Section 60-2C-7(A)(1) NMSA 1978 within the Village of Los Ranchos to areas that are paved or barren or that have a readily accessible source of water for use by the homeowner or general public.
5. Bans the sale or use of display fireworks.
6. Imposes the aforementioned restrictions for a period of 30 days.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque this 13TH day of JUNE, 2018.

APPROVED:



Mayor
Village of Los Ranchos

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ATTEST:



Stephanie Dominguez, Village Clerk