

**CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES
DROUGHT CONDITIONS PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: The City of Rio Communities has obtained information and forecasts from the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration concerning temperature, wind velocity, rainfall and other drought indices; and

WHEREAS: The City of Rio Communities has obtained information and forecasts from the United States Forest Service concerning temperature, wind velocity, rainfall and other drought indices; and

WHEREAS: The City of Rio Communities held a hearing on June 9, 2025, to determine whether the City of Rio Communities is affected by extreme or severe drought conditions and whether fireworks restrictions should be imposed within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rio Communities; and

WHEREAS: The Governing Body makes the following findings of fact based upon information provided during the hearing;

- (a) Review of the Palmer Drought Severity Index for April of 2025, published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- (b) Review of U.S. Drought Monitor which is produced by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- (c) The City of Rio Communities is affected by extreme or severe drought conditions based on current drought indices published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other information supplied by the reliable and credible federal government sources

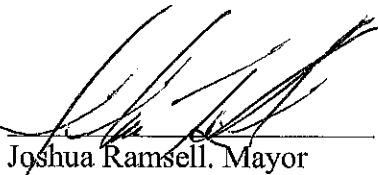
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES:

Section 1: Extreme or severe drought conditions exist within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rio Communities.

Section 2: In addition to any ordinance enacted pursuant to NMSA 1978 §60-2C-7.C, the sale and use within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rio Communities of aerial devices, including: missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners and stick-type rockets is prohibited by this Proclamation.

- Section 3:** In addition to any ordinance enacted pursuant to NMSA 1978 §60-2C-7.C the sale and use within the municipal boundaries of the City of Rio Communities of ground audible devices including: chasers and firecrackers is prohibited by this Proclamation.
- Section 4:** The use of otherwise permissible fireworks, including: cone fountains, crackling devices, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches, toy smoking devices and wheels is hereby limited to areas within the municipal boundaries that are paved or barren or to areas that have a readily accessible source of water.
- Section 5:** The Governing Body, having consulted with the state forester, prohibits the use of all fireworks within areas that are covered wholly or in part by timber, brush or native grass.
- Section 6:** The sale or use of display fireworks is prohibited For purposes of this Proclamation, Display fireworks: means devices primarily intended for commercial displays that are designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration or detonation, including salutes containing more than one hundred thirty milligrams of explosive composition; aerial shells containing more than forty grams of chemical composition exclusive of lift charge; and other exhibition display items that exceed the limits for permissible fireworks.
- Section 7:** This Proclamation is effective for a period of thirty days from this date unless a subsequent Proclamation is issued by the Governing Body.

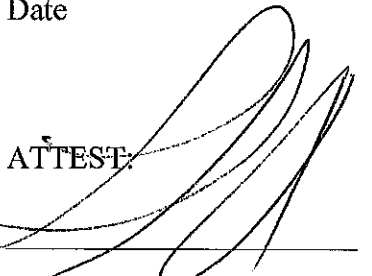
APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2025



Joshua Ramsell, Mayor

6-9-2025
Date

ATTEST:



Municipal Clerk

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