

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES
RESOLUTION 2026-07
(OUTDOOR BURN BAN)**

- WHEREAS,** Drought combined with high wind conditions have caused the fire season to begin in March 2025; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts temperatures in New Mexico to continue to range from above-to-well-above average temperatures; and drought conditions in New Mexico to persist; and
- WHEREAS,** Continued heavy fuel loading, low humidity, high heat, and winds increase the danger of wildland, brush, and grass fires, posing an extremely high fire risk in and around the City of Rio Communities; and
- WHEREAS,** These fires would threaten homes and structures, putting the health and safety of our residents at risk.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Rio Communities declares an exceptional drought condition exists in our municipality and high fire risk hazards represent a significant and immediate threat to the safety, health, and welfare to the residents of Rio Communities; and,

THEREFORE,

Beginning on the effective date of this resolution, and until repealed, any type of outdoor burning, including but not limited to the use of fire pits, open flame stoves, chainsaws without spark arrestors, landscape burning, campfires, and other open flame sources is hereby prohibited within the City of Rio Communities


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF April 2026 BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES, NEW MEXICO.

City of Rio Communities Governing Body

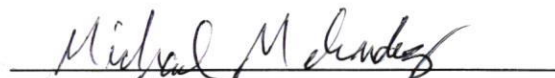
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Joshua Ramsell,
Mayor

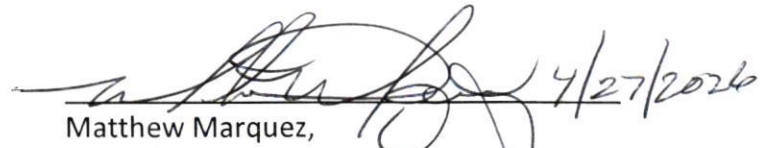


Lawrence R. Gordon,
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem



Michael Melendez,
Councilor

Thomas Nelson,
Councilor



Matthew Marquez,
Councilor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Gauna, Municipal Clerk