

RESOLUTION NO. 9, SERIES OF 2025
A RESOLUTION IMPOSING THE FIRE BAN AS PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO.
2012-1, AND FURTHER DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE SHERIFF TO
SUSPEND THE FIRE BAN

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2012, Fremont County adopted Ordinance Number 1, Series of 2012, which imposes county-wide fire restrictions in Fremont County; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the language of the Fire Ban Ordinance allows for the Board of Commissioners to temporarily suspend the Fire Ban if conditions and circumstances warrant such a suspension; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2024, in accordance with the request of the Fremont County Sheriff, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 34, Series of 2024, suspending the Fire Restriction Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Fremont County has abundant dry vegetation and undergrowth in fire-prone areas, weather conditions are currently arid, and fuel levels may become dangerously high. Such conditions are predicted to continue creating red flag and fire hazard conditions; and

WHEREAS, current conditions and circumstances of elevated fire hazard exist in Fremont County, and a potential lack of firefighting resources due to fires or risk of fires in surrounding counties indicate that the necessity of imposing a Stage 1 Fire Ban for all unincorporated areas of Fremont County may be imminent; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Sheriff, in his capacity as fire warden for Fremont County in accordance with C.R.S. §30-10-512, C.R.S., consults with other entities sharing jurisdiction concerning fires within Fremont County and assesses the fire danger for Fremont County on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, during times of extreme fire hazard it may be necessary for the Sheriff, as fire warden, to act swiftly to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is likewise in the best position to determine when conditions of extreme fire hazard have abated; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Board of County Commissioners hereby finds, determines and declares that adoption of this Resolution is necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fremont County; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FREMONT COUNTY, that the temporary suspension of Ordinance Number 2012-1, restricting open fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of Fremont County, shall be and hereby is removed and the provisions of Ordinance Number 2012-1 shall be placed in full force and effect, restricting fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of Fremont County in accordance with the terms of such Ordinance. The Sheriff of Fremont County shall have

authority to determine the effective Stage of the Fire Restrictions and shall provide full and adequate public notice of the effective Stage.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that authority to suspend the county-wide fire restrictions imposed by Ordinance Number 1, Series of 2012, is hereby delegated to the Sheriff of Fremont County. In exercising this authority, the Sheriff shall provide full and adequate public notice that such fire restrictions have been suspended.

The Fremont County Board of County Commissioners and the Sheriff of Fremont County strongly encourage residents of Fremont County, and visitors to Fremont County, to comply with all terms and conditions of the Fire Restrictions, and to exercise great caution with fires and sources that contribute to the fire danger to keep Fremont County safe from wildfires.

This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of the Board's approval on Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

Commissioner McFall moved for adoption of this Resolution, with a second by Commissioner Bell. The roll call vote of the Board was as follows:

Debbie Bell	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Kevin J. Grantham	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Dwayne McFall	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Absent	Abstain

Date: July 8th, 2025


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk to the Board