



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FORMAN

FRANCIS CITY RESIDENTS,

DUE TO SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS, EXTREMELY DRY VEGETATION, AND OTHER DANGEROUS FIRE CONDITIONS, FRANCIS CITY IS FACING AN EXTREME RISK OF WILDFIRE.

TO HELP PREVENT CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE AND PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS, I AM DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR FRANCIS CITY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

AS A RESULT, THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN PLACE:

FIREWORKS , ALL OPEN FIRES OUTDOOR BURNING

BURNING IN DITCHES, CANALS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY IS PROHIBITED.

AGRICULTURAL BURNING ARE PROHIBITED.

***FOR A MORE DETAILED INFORMATION PLEASE REFER TO THE ACCOMPANYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENT.**

ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THESE RESTRICTIONS MAY FACE CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PENALTIES AND MAY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS AND OTHER DAMAGES ALLOWED BY LAW.

THESE RESTRICTIONS TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL THEY ARE MODIFIED OR LIFTED BY THE MAYOR, THE CITY COUNCIL, OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND COMMITMENT TO KEEPING FRANCIS CITY SAFE. BY WORKING TOGETHER AND ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY FIRE RISKS, WE CAN HELP PROTECT OUR FAMILIES, HOMES, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITY.

**JEREMIE FORMAN
FRANCIS CITY MAYOR**

FRANCIS CITY, UTAH

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 53-2a-208(1)(a) authorizes the chief executive officer of a municipality to declare a local emergency by proclamation upon finding that (i) a disaster has occurred or the occurrence or threat of a disaster is imminent within the municipality, and (ii) the municipality requires additional assistance to supplement response and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Francis City and the surrounding areas are presently experiencing drought conditions, extremely dry vegetation, elevated temperatures, low humidity, and other conditions that substantially increase the risk of wildfire ignition and rapid fire spread; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the occurrence or threat of a disaster is imminent due to the extreme fire danger presently existing within Francis City; and

WHEREAS, a wildfire occurring within or adjacent to Francis City could result in the loss of life, personal injury, destruction of homes and businesses, damage to public infrastructure, interruption of utility services, and significant harm to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is necessary to reduce the likelihood of human-caused fires and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Francis City;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeremie Forman, Mayor of Francis City, Utah, pursuant to the authority granted by Utah Code §§ 53-2a-208 and 53-2a-209, hereby proclaim and declare that a LOCAL EMERGENCY exists within Francis City and order the following emergency restrictions effective immediately:

Section 1. Fireworks Prohibited. The ignition, discharge or use of any fireworks, including consumer fireworks otherwise permitted under Utah law, is prohibited within the municipal boundaries of Francis City excepting the times stated in Utah Code §53-7-225(3).

Section 2. Open Fires Prohibited. All open fires are prohibited, including but not limited to:

- Recreational fires;
- Campfires;
- Bonfires;
- Unimproved fire pits;
- Fire rings;
- Warming fires;
- Burn barrels; and
- Any outdoor fire not completely enclosed within an improved area.

Section 3. Outdoor Burning Prohibited. The burning of weeds, grass, brush, leaves, tree trimmings, vegetation, rubbish, agricultural waste, construction debris, or any other combustible material is prohibited.

Section 4. Ditch, Canal, And Right-Of-Way Burning Prohibited. The burning of weeds, vegetation, debris, or combustible materials within irrigation ditches, canals, drainage corridors, easements, roadways, rights-of-way, or similar areas is prohibited.

Section 5. Agricultural Burning Prohibited. Agricultural burning, land-clearing burns, prescribed burns, and similar outdoor burning activities are prohibited unless specifically authorized in writing by the applicable fire authority for emergency purposes.

Section 6. Exceptions. The following activities are exempt from this Declaration unless otherwise restricted by the applicable fire authority:

- Permanently installed propane or natural gas grills used for cooking;
- Permanently installed propane or natural gas fire features equipped with an on/off shutoff valve and located on improved residential or commercial property;
- Permanently constructed fire pits at private homes where running water is present;
- Emergency response activities conducted by fire, law enforcement, public works, utility providers, or other governmental agencies acting within the scope of their official duties; and
- Activities specifically authorized in writing by the Fire Marshal or other authorized fire official.

Section 7. Enforcement. Any person violating this Declaration may be subject to criminal prosecution, civil penalties, recovery of fire suppression costs, and any other remedies available under federal, state, or local law.

Section 8. Statutory Findings. Pursuant to Utah Code § 53-2a-208(1)(a), the Mayor specifically finds:

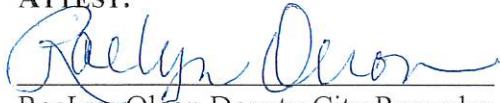
- The occurrence or threat of a disaster is imminent within Francis City due to extreme wildfire danger and environmental conditions conducive to fire ignition and rapid spread.
- The potential consequences of a wildfire include loss of life, injury to persons, destruction of homes and businesses, damage to public infrastructure, interruption of utility services, and significant economic harm.
- Emergency restrictions on fireworks and outdoor burning are necessary to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.
- This Declaration is necessary to preserve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Francis City.

Section 9. Effective Date And Duration. This Declaration shall take effect immediately upon execution and shall remain in effect until terminated, modified, or superseded by subsequent order of the Mayor, the Francis City Council, or as otherwise provided by law.

DATED this 25 day of June, 2026.


Jeremie Forman, Mayor

ATTEST:


RaeLyn Olson Deputy City Recorder

DEPOSITED in the office of the City Recorder this 25 day of June, 2026.