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HIGH FIRE DANGER COMPELS PARK CITY FIRE CODE OFFICIAL TO ENACT BAN THROUGH OCTOBER 1ST

Effective immediately and in effect through October 1st, fireworks, explosive devices and open fires are prohibited within Park City limits.

The Park City Council recently enacted a new Ordinance, 2016-36. This ordinance consolidates the authority to restrict open sources of ignition and fireworks with the City Fire Code Official based on the ever-changing hazardous environmental conditions. On July 22, 2016, the Park City Fire Code Official enacted a ban on all open fires, sources of ignition, and fireworks due to the current conditions of hot temperatures, high winds, low humidity and dry vegetation—all of which significantly increase the risk of wildfire and directly threaten the safety of our community.

“The City Council implicitly trusts city staff and their recommendations,” said Jack Thomas, Park City Mayor. *“Fire Marshal Kurt Simister, Chief Building Official/Fire Code Official Chad Root and Emergency Manager, Hugh Daniels all strongly recommended enacting the ban after analyzing current conditions across the city. We have accepted their recommendation without reservation.”*

Briquette and gas fires in approved devices are excepted.

“It is imperative that our residents and visitors understand the elevated level of fire risk,” said Daniels. *“Park City is at additional risk because of our location in a WUI—a wildland urban interface. This means that fires can start very quickly and spread very rapidly. We need to mitigate our risk any way we can.”*

These restrictions are pursuant to Park City Ordinance §2016-36, and other applicable statutes in the Wildland Urban Interface Code and the International Fire Code. Violations of these restrictions may result in fines and cost recovery of fire-fighting expenses for negligently started fires.

For information about fire-prevention and general emergency preparedness, visit www.BeReadyParkCity.org and to register your mobile devices in the Park City Emergency Alert system visit www.parkcityalerts.org.

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About Park City Municipal Corporation

Park City Municipal Corporation is the government seat for Park City, Utah. A former silver mining town, Park City is now home to two world-class ski resorts and was the mountain host for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. The town of 7,500 also hosts many special events, including the Sundance Film Festival and the final stage of the Tour of Utah.

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