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Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Implemented in the City

The City of Fort Collins has implemented Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, effective Monday, August 31. This decision was made by City Manager Darin Atteberry after a consultation with Poudre Fire Authority Fire Chief Tom DeMint and extensive reviews of: current weather conditions, precipitation, fire restrictions in other communities, fire fuel moisture levels, air quality, suppression resources and other factors.

The ban prohibits open burning of solid fuels, including but not limited to: wood burning campfires, portable or built-in outdoor wood burning fire pits, and charcoal grills.

Exemptions Include:

- liquid or gas-fueled fires in fire pits, grills, and camp stoves.
- indoor fireplaces and wood-burning stoves

This order will remain in effect until further notice. It works in accordance with similar bans already at a State and County levels and takes into account the hot and dry conditions, and the air quality impacts of both local and regional wildfires that have at times reached unhealthy levels. Additionally, restrictions on outdoor burning have been recommended by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment during the COVID-19 response, as respiratory impacts of COVID-19 can be compounded by smoke.

“Conditions remind me of the 2012 season. The incredibly hot and dry days have led to a series of red flag warnings. We need to work together to protect our community and prevent the sparks that could lead to wildfires,” said Fire Chief DeMint.

If there is a concern about a potential violation of this order and it is not an emergency, please submit a complaint through Access Fort Collins or call the City’s Nuisance Hotline at 970-416-2200.

Community members who have health and safety concerns about an active fire can contact the Fort Collins non-emergency dispatch line at 970-221-6540.

For emergencies, always call 9-1-1.

Additional Resources:

- View current air quality conditions and forecasts
- Access fire and smoke maps
- See timely updates on the Cameron Peak Fire
- Sign up for evacuation updates and safety notifications with NoCoAlerts or call/text 970-962-2173.
More information about the ban can be found at fcgov.com/woodsmoke.