WILLARD CITY CORPORATION ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05

A ORDER FOR WILLARD CITY IMPOSING SPECIAL FIRE AND FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS EAST OF HIGHWAY 89 BEGINNING JUNE 1, UNTIL OCTOBER 1.

WHEREAS, the City of Willard (hereafter referred to as the "City") is an incorporated municipality duly existing under the laws of the state of Utah; and,

WHEREAS, Utah Code Annotated §10-8-84, 1953, as amended, grants municipalities broad authority to provide for safety and preserve health, and promote prosperity, improve morals, peace and good order, comfort, convenience, and for the protection of property; and

WHEREAS, due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the extremely dry winter in northern Utah; and

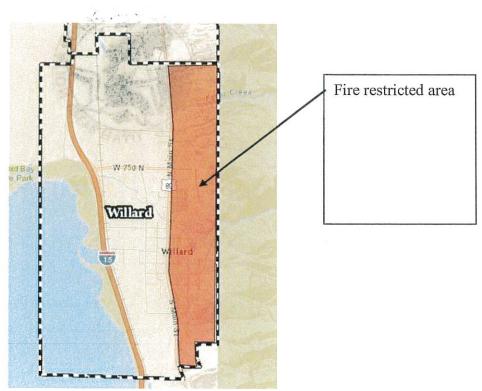
WHEREAS, *Utah Code Annotated* §15A-5-202.5 1953, states "When the fire code official determines that hazardous environmental conditions necessitate controlled use of any ignition source, including fireworks, lighters, matches, sky lanterns, and smoking materials, the following may occur:

If the hazardous environmental conditions exist in a municipality, the legislative body of the municipality may prohibit the ignition or use of an ignition source in mountainous, brush-covered, or forest-covered areas or the wildland urban interface area, which means the line, area, or zone where structures or other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or land being used for an agricultural purpose; and,

WHEREAS, The Willard City Fire Official has determined such conditions exist within the municipality on the east side of Highway 89 (Main Street) in Willard City eastward to the east City Limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Willard that:

In effect immediately for the area east of Highway 89 (Main Street) eastward to the east City limits.



The following restrictions are in effect for the above-described area:

- 1. Setting, building, maintaining, attending or using open fires of any kind, except campfires built within the facilities provided for them in permanently improved places of habitation.
- 2. Discharging, or using any kind of fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices including explosive targets
 - 3. Cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act at a specific location.
- 2. Any State or Federal Fire Officer or fire fighting forces in the performance of an official duty.

Violation of the above prohibited acts is punishable as a class B misdemeanor.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately after posting July 17, 2023, and shall remain in effect until October 1st. Recurring every year until further amended and a review mandated by the City Council every 5 years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council on this 13th day of July. 2023.

ATTEST:

SUSAN K. OBRAY, City Recorder

TRAVIS MOTE, Mayor