



ORDINANCE NO. ORD21-08

**AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MONO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROHIBITING
OPEN FIRES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND
COUNTY-OPERATED CAMPGROUNDS
WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MONO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, there currently exist in Mono County conditions of extreme fire danger resulting from below-average precipitation during the 2020-21 winter season; and

WHEREAS, recent and ongoing fires to the north and north-west of Mono County, including the Tamarack and the Dixie Fire, have resulted in significant damage to life and property, burning approximately 70,000 and 515,000 acres, respectively - with the Dixie Fire being the second largest recorded in the history of California; and

WHEREAS, the Inyo National Forest has issued restrictions allowing campfires only in established fire pits within campgrounds and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has prohibited campfires on any Forest Service lands within the Bridgeport Ranger District, including in established fire pits; and

WHEREAS, in light of the extreme fire danger facing both the State as a whole, and Mono County specifically, the Mono County Board of Supervisors finds it necessary to enact restrictions on certain open fires on private lands within the County and within the County-operated campground at Lundy Lake, in order to further reduce the likelihood of human-caused fires within Mono County; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to take action to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and natural environment of Mono County from further harm and risk due to extreme wildfire and fire hazard conditions, the lack of firefighting resources statewide and extreme dry conditions in Mono County;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO ORDAINS that:

SECTION ONE: The above recitals are adopted as findings of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION TWO: Outdoor fires, including campfires, bonfires, pit fires, stick fires or any other open flame fire (but excluding propane or charcoal barbecues used for cooking) are hereby prohibited on all private lands within the unincorporated area of Mono County and within all County-operated campgrounds (i.e., Lundy Campground).

1 **SECTION THREE:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its
2 adoption as an urgency measure pursuant to Government Code sections 65858 and 25123. The
3 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall post this ordinance and also publish it or a summary
4 hereof in the manner prescribed by Government Code section 25124 no later than 15 days after
5 the date of its adoption.

6 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 17th day of August, 2021, by the following
7 vote, to wit:

8 **AYES:** Supervisors Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters.

9 **NOES:** None.

10 **ABSENT:** None.

11 **ABSTAIN:** None.

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13 Jennifer Kreitz (Aug 18, 2021 16:01 PDT)
14 Jennifer Kreitz, Chair
15 Mono County Board of Supervisors

16 **ATTEST:**

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18 Queenie Barnard (Aug 18, 2021 12:44 PDT)
19 Clerk of the Board

20 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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22 Stacey Simon (Aug 23, 2021 09:52 PDT)
23 County Counsel