

CITY OF OROVILLE

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER

Whereas, the Pacific Northwest is experiencing record high temperatures and prolonged heat and these conditions are anticipated to continue; and

Whereas, the threat of fire is at a level of extreme danger from the prolonged heat wave; and

Whereas, the State of Washington and other states in the western United States have experienced increasing intensity, frequency and area destruction, including devastating urban wildfires from wildland fires over the past four years; and

Whereas Okanogan County has enacted a burn ban for the entirety of unincorporated Okanogan County due to the danger of wildfires; and

Whereas, the Mayor of the City of Oroville finds that the use of fireworks during and immediately following a record heat wave and record dry conditions, ripe for fire, constitutes a dangerous threat to the health and safety of the public; and

Whereas, RCW 70.77.250(4) does not impact the authority of local government to adopt emergency bans on fireworks in response to extreme heat, drought, or other circumstances that make the discharge of fireworks unreasonably dangerous,

Now, therefore,

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE, WASHINGTON, BY THE POWER VESTED IN HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, INCLUDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS CONFERRED BY CHAPTER 38.52 RCW, DOES HEREBY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ORDER AND DIRECT:

Section 1. Declaration of Emergency. The extreme threat of wildland and other fire danger resulting from the prolonged heat wave constitutes an "emergency or disaster" as defined in RCW 38.52.010(9)(a) and an "emergency" as defined in RCW 38.52.010(9)(b).

Section 2. Discharge of Fireworks in the City of Oroville Prohibited. In order to best prevent and address potential emergencies and disasters resulting from the current extreme threat of wildland fire, all discharge of fireworks within the City of Oroville shall be prohibited from the date of this proclamation through October 31, 2021.

Section 3. Illegal Fireworks and Fines. All fireworks, even if legally purchased at approved fireworks stands or on tribal reservations are illegal under this Emergency Proclamation. Discharge of the fireworks shall result in penalties as set forth in Chapter 1.16 of the Oroville Municipal Code.

Section 4. Deep Bay Fireworks. An exemption can be made for any City Sponsored Professional Displays on City Owned Property that are properly permitted and insured.

DATED this 2nd day of July, 2021.

Jon Neal, Mayor
City of Oroville, Washington