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CITY OF LEAD RESOLUTION # 2026-04

A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A TEMPORARY BURN BAN WITHIN THE CITY OF LEAD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The City Commission of the City of Lead, a municipal corporation, meeting in regular session on August 3, 2026, pursuant to SDCL 9-19, motion was made by _____ seconded by _____ that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the City of Lead is experiencing extremely dry conditions that have created an increased risk of fire; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that the current fire danger poses a threat to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the residents of the City of Lead; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it necessary to temporarily prohibit open burning to reduce the risk of wildfire and protect public safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of Lead, that:

Section 1. Burn Ban Declared

Effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, a temporary burn ban is declared within the corporate limits of the City of Lead and shall remain in effect until further action of the City Commission.

Section 2. Prohibited Activities

During the burn ban, **all open burning is prohibited**, including but not limited to:

- Burning of trash or refuse;
- Burning of yard waste, leaves, grass, or brush;
- Burning of slash piles or tree debris;
- Campfires;
- Bonfires;
- Backyard fire pits or recreational fires;
- Any other outdoor fire not fully enclosed and specifically authorized by law.

Section 3. Exceptions

The following activities are exempt from this burn ban unless otherwise prohibited by law or order of the Fire Chief:

1. Outdoor cooking appliances fueled by propane or natural gas.
2. Charcoal grills used solely for cooking food, provided they are attended at all times and operated safely.

Section 4. Enforcement

Any person found violating this Resolution may be subject to as a Class II Misdemeanor. The City may require any prohibited fire to be immediately extinguished.

Section 5. Duration

This burn ban shall remain in effect **until further notice** and may be modified or rescinded by action of the City Commission when conditions are determined to have improved sufficiently to safely permit open burning.

Section 6. Public Cooperation

The City of Lead requests that all residents, visitors, businesses, and property owners exercise extreme caution while conducting any outdoor activity that could create a spark or otherwise ignite dry vegetation or combustible materials. Activities such as operating equipment, towing trailers with dragging chains, using power tools, discarding smoking materials, parking vehicles on dry grass, or any other activity capable of starting a fire should be conducted with heightened awareness and appropriate safety precautions.

The City encourages everyone to remain vigilant and to immediately report any signs of fire or smoke to emergency services. The cooperation of the public is essential in helping protect lives, property, and the natural resources of our community during this period of elevated fire danger.

Those voting aye: Those voting aye: Mayor Dustin Heupel, and Commissioners Dustin Schumacher, Roger Thomas, Valerie Meiners, Dory Hansen.

Those voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2026

CITY OF LEAD:

ATTEST:

Dustin Heupel, Mayor

Robin Lucero, City Administrator

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