



Fire restrictions that would be declared in the Town fall into two categories, namely Stage 1 and Stage 2 restrictions.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for the Town would support those enacted by the County and the Sheriff, but be more specific to the activities encountered in our community, namely:

1. No building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire (a stove fire is defined as a campfire built inside an enclosed stove or grill, portable brazier, or a pressurized liquid or gas stove, including a space heating device) without a permit. The following actions are permitted: petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices providing such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.
2. No smoking unless in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. Open discarding of smoking materials is a violation of the restrictions and the International Fire Code Section 310.7.
3. Prohibiting welding or the operation of torches with open flame in outdoor areas including public parks, greenbelts, and trail systems without a permit.
4. Prohibiting the operation or use of any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.

Allowable activities include:

1. Permitted Fires- Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission. (Permits can be obtained at the Fire Department)
2. Gas Grills- Fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas fueled stoves, fireplaces within buildings, and fires in wood burning stoves.
3. Explosive Waste- Burning of explosive wastes by the manufacturer of explosives in areas zoned for industrial use, when the burning is supervised by a fire protection district.
4. Suppression Fires- Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. Small Recreational Fires- Except when fire restrictions have been elevated to Stage 2, the following shall be exempt from the prohibitions: small recreational fires at developed picnic or campground sites contained in permanent fire pits or fire grates, with flame lengths not in excess of four feet or the residential use of charcoal grills, fires in chimineas or other portable fireplaces or patio fire pits, so long as said fires are supervised by

- a responsible party at least 21 years of age. "Small Recreational Fires" shall in no event be construed to include fireworks as defined in Section 5.
6. Smoking- Smoking on private property

Stage 2 Restrictions- Include all Stage 1 restrictions, and add the following conditions:

1. No open burning of any kind.
2. No use and sale of fireworks.
3. No use of charcoal grills and fires in chimneys, other portable fireplaces or patio fire pits.
4. No campfires at developed campgrounds or picnic areas.

Allowable Activities:

1. Cooking on gas or liquid fueled stoves or grills.
2. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission

As stated previously, there is nothing in the Castle Rock Municipal Code that addresses the process for this kind of declaration. The County enacted the restrictions through the County Commissioners and the Sheriff, who is authorized by statute to make the declaration himself. In this case, the County Commissioners reinstated Ordinance No. O-003-001. Castle Rock Ordinance follows the County's lead and places Fire Restriction Authority with the Town Manager and Fire Chief, as well as establishes a clearly defined policy path for future restriction events.