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Order Declaring an Emergency due to Unusual Fire Danger and Imposing Burn and Complete Fireworks Ban in the City of Forks

Pursuant to RCW Chapters 35.33 and 38.52, as Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Forks, I hereby declare that there is a citywide emergency due to the unusual fire danger presented by recent weather patterns and current National Weather Service forecasts for the next ten days:

The basis for this emergency declaration include:

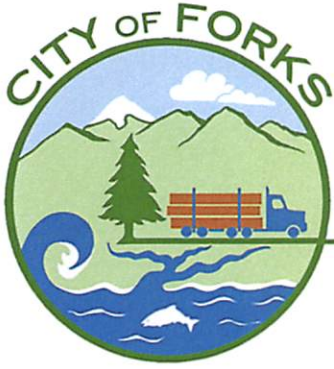
1. Yesterday's record setting triple digit temperatures raising the heat index as high as 115° and a similar forecast for at least today;
2. Lack of humidity creating extreme dry conditions could quickly escape the ability of emergency responders to put out fires in the unusually dry roofs, woodpiles/sheds, grasses, forest duff, and other ground coverings;
3. No measureable precipitation in the last ten days; and,
4. No predicted rainfall for the next ten days.

In response to this emergency situation, and in an effort to limit potential adverse impacts to human life and property, I ***hereby prohibit*** the use of ***both open fire and all fireworks whatsoever*** within the City of Forks.

As the City's designated Fire Chief, Bill Paul will be authorized to implement any fire and/or burn ban needed to effectuate the objectives of this emergency. I am designating the Forks Police Chief Mike Rowley and his officers to provide assistance to Chief Paul in addressing enforcement issues associated with ensuring compliance with this declaration.

Signed this 28th of June 2021

Tim Fletcher
Mayor



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Pursuant to Forks Municipal Code Chapter 2.35, as the City's Fire Inspector so designated by the Mayor, and in order to avoid any uncertainty, I hereby declare that there is an unusual fire danger in the City of Forks. This is based upon the following:

1. Record setting triple digit temperatures raising the heat index as high as 115°;
2. Lack of humidity creating extreme dry conditions of grasses, forest duff, and other ground coverings;
3. Lack of rainfall in the past two weeks and no predicted rainfall for the next ten days.

Further, pursuant to the authority within that Chapter, and with the full concurrence of the Mayor, I **hereby absolutely prohibit** the use of fire within the City of Forks to include such things as recreational outdoor fires regardless of their location or manner of containment.

I also hereby prohibit the use of such things as "Japanese Lanterns" (floating lanterns), open fire pits, and the use of fire torches of any kind for treatment of yards, driveways, etc. Additional modifications may be made to ensure the public's safety. This ban on the use of fire shall remain in effect until such time as the Clallam County Fire Marshall, or their designee, removes the concurrent Clallam County Fire Ban.

Signed this 28th of June 2021

Bill Paul
Fire Chief
Clallam County Fire District No. 1
(including the City of Forks)

Tim Fletcher
Mayor
Affirming & Concurring