

# TOWN OF LEEDS

## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 2025-001

### A PROCLAMATION FOR THE LEEDS TOWN TO ADOPT AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR REGULATING IGNITION SOURCES WITHIN TOWN LIMITS

WHEREAS the Town of Leeds, Utah (the “**Town**”) wants to protect the health, safety, and property of residents, visitors, and preserve the integrity of watersheds and critical public infrastructure;

WHEREAS in compliance with Utah Code Section 53-2a-208 (2024), the Mayor has been granted the ability to issue a local emergency proclamation for the Town of Leeds;

WHEREAS in compliance with Utah Code Section 15A-5-202.5(1)(b) (2024), 53-7-225 (2024), the Town has been granted the ability to issue a policy to regulate ignition sources, including fireworks, lighters, matches, sky lanterns, and smoking materials, within Town limits where existing or historical hazardous environmental conditions exist, including:

- mountainous, brush-covered, forest-covered, or dry grass-covered areas;
- within 200 feet of waterways, trails, canyons, washes, ravines, or similar areas;
- the wildland urban interface area, which means the line, area, or zone where structures or other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or land being used for an agricultural purpose.

WHEREAS due to extreme drought and hazardous wildfire conditions, State and unincorporated land within Washington County, UT and local Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service lands are currently under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, and local US Forest Service lands will enter Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on July 1, 2025;

WHEREAS a wildfire of more than 10,000 acres that is less than 10% contained is burning 7 miles from the Town;

ACCORDINGLY, the Mayor of the Town of Leeds issues the following emergency proclamation:

Starting on June 28, 2025 and until rescinded by order, the Town of Leeds shall implement a ban on ignition sources, including fireworks, lighters, matches, sky lanterns, and smoking materials, within Town limits, with the following exceptions:

- Personal fireworks shall be allowed in the Leeds Town Park in the middle of the open grassy area on July 4, 2025 and July 24, 2025 between the hours of 11:00am and 10:30pm unless hazardous wind conditions exist. Fireworks users must have sufficient water on hand to extinguish any small fires.
- The Town of Leeds may hold a public fireworks show with approval from the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Services District.

A map of the permissible personal firework area is attached as Exhibit A.

The penalty for discharging fireworks outside of the specified area is a fine up to \$1,000.

This proclamation will become effective as of June 28, 2025.

APPROVED BY PROCLAMATION THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2025.

LEEDS, WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH

*Bill Hoster*

Bill Hoster, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Cari Bishop*

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Town Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT A. MAP OF PERMITTED PERSONAL FIREWORK ZONE

