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MORA COUNTY FIRE RESTRICTIONS ORDINANCE NO. 16-01

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Mora County desire to protect the health, safety, and property of all persons in Mora County (The County), and

WHEREAS, The County recognizes the danger to life and property of wildfires in Mora County, and

WHEREAS, The County acknowledges the need for restrictions on open outdoor fires during periods of exceptionally dry weather, and

WHEREAS, The County acknowledges the need for enforcement of fire restrictions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO that:

The Mora County manager shall have the authority to impose or rescind fire restrictions, as conditions dictate, taking guidance from the Mora County Fire Chiefs Association, New Mexico State Forestry Division, and TITLE 19, CHAPTER 20, PART 3 of the New Mexico Administrative Code.

RESTRICTIONS:

- **Open burning is prohibited**, i.e., burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning, or weed burning.
- **Campfires are prohibited** except where cooking or heating devices use kerosene, whit gas, or propane as a fuel in an improved camping area that is clear of flammable vegetation for at least thirty feet.
- **Smoking is prohibited** except in enclosed buildings, within vehicles equipped with ash trays, and on paved or surfaced roads, developed recreation sites, or an area at least three feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.

- **Fireworks use is prohibited** in any area covered wholly or in part with timber, brush, grass, grain, or other flammable vegetation. Arial fireworks are prohibited in all circumstances.

All devices using internal combustion engines must have a proper spark arrester installed.

“Hot” vehicles must not be parked off pavement in areas with combustible vegetation.

Fresh ashes must be disposed of only in closed, non-flammable containers.

ENFORCEMENT:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Sheriff of Mora County or the Sheriff’s duly appointed deputies.

PENALTIES:

Penalties for violation of one or more of the restrictions of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Section 68-2-1 through 25 NMSA 1978.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

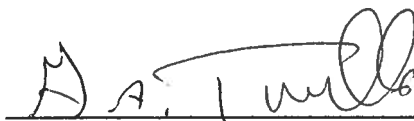
This ordinance shall be recorded and authenticated by the County Clerk following adoption by the Board of County Commissioners and shall take effect immediately thereafter.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2016, by the

MORA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



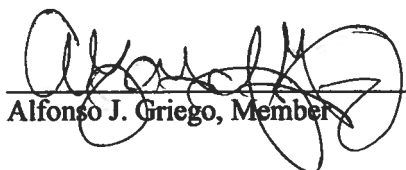
Paula A. Garcia, Chair



George A. Trujillo, Vice Chair

Attest: 

Joanne E. Padilla-Salas, County Clerk



Alfonso J. Griego, Member