

**CITY OF NEWPORT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2184**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.70  
OF THE NEWPORT MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING  
NEW SECTION 1.70.060 FIRE DANGER RESTRICTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newport is committed to protecting life and property from the dangers of wildfire; and

**WHEREAS**, the Echo Mountain Fire in September 2020 burned over 2,000 acres and destroyed over 290 structures in Otis and Rose Lodge, in Lincoln County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns properties in the wildland-urban interface zone which face the same threat from wildfire; and

**WHEREAS**, the coastal region has seen a steady increase in both the number and severity of wildfires; and

**WHEREAS**, over 70 percent of all wildfires in Oregon are human caused; and

**WHEREAS**, wildfire education and prevention has been shown to reduce the risk of wildfire; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is committed to be proactive and reduce the chance of ignition and risk of wildfire in the wildland-urban interface zone.

**THE CITY OF NEWPORT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The above findings are adopted in support of adding new Section 1.70.060 to Chapter 1.70 (Emergencies) of the Newport Municipal Code, and the effective date of this ordinance in Section 3 below.

**Section 2.** Section 1.70.060 will read as follows:

**1.70.060 FIRE DANGER RESTRICTIONS**

A. Public regulated use restrictions in this section are defined as those restrictions imposed by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) West Oregon District when an extreme fire danger level is in effect, as proclaimed by State Forester or authorized representative.

B. The City Manager, or Acting City Manager, has the authority to impose public regulated use restrictions on the following city-owned properties within or outside the city limits of Newport, as designated on a map available on the city website and kept on file in the Newport Fire Department and Community Development Department:

1. Agate Beach Transfer Station Site
2. Schooner Creek Drainage
3. Big Creek Park and Drainage
4. Little Creek Drainage
5. Big Creek Reservoir Properties

6. Forest Park

C. Notice of public regulated use restrictions shall be posted at public access points to the designated areas. Additional notice shall be published or communicated in the media or through other means, as needed.

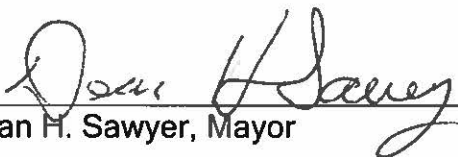
D. Persons with an easement or lease in a designated area, or whose primary means of access to their property is through a designated area, are allowed access in or through a designated area when an extreme fire danger level is in effect. Also allowed access are city employees performing work in a designated area.

E. Violation of a public regulated use restriction may be cited as criminal trespass in the second degree under state statute.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect on the date of adoption by the City Council to ensure protection of life and property.

Date adopted by the Newport City Council: June 21, 2021.

Signed by the Mayor on June 28, 2021.

  
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Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder