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Arapahoe County bans the sale, use of fireworks due to high fire danger *Ban applies to unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County only*

Littleton, Colo. — Due to high fire danger and ongoing drought conditions, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners Tuesday approved a ban on the **sale and use** of fireworks in unincorporated portions of the county.

The ban is in effect for one year and can be rescinded if drought and fire conditions improve.

“One of our primary responsibilities as County Commissioners is to ensure the safety of our citizens,” said Commissioner Jeff Baker, who serves as Board Chair and represents District 3, which includes portions of Centennial, Aurora and the communities of eastern Arapahoe County. “With the continued hot, dry conditions, as well as the severe fire danger occurring in our state, it is our duty to do what is necessary to protect the lives and property of our citizens.”

The Commissioners approved the ban upon the recommendation from the Sheriff’s Office, which serves as the fire warden for Arapahoe County, as well as the 102-acre fire that occurred June 1 on the State Land Board property in eastern Arapahoe County. Counties have authority under state law to adopt an ordinance when there is evidence of high fire danger.

The ban does not apply to professional fireworks shows that are supervised by firefighting personnel that provides fire suppression equipment on the scene of any fireworks display.

Citizens are strongly encouraged to check with their local city or town government to learn about fireworks restrictions, as rules regarding the sale and use vary by jurisdiction.

Not sure if you live in unincorporated Arapahoe County or within a city or town? Visit <http://bit.ly/wheredollive> and search for your property.

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