



Jefferson County Community Development Office of the Fire Marshal

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The Jefferson County Fire Marshal and the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs are tasked with instilling safeguards against hazards to life and safety from dangerous conditions associated with fire, protecting residents, firefighters, emergency responders, community assets, and property.

Due to current atmospheric and field conditions a DECLARATION OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD is in effect. In coordination, County Fire Chiefs and the County Fire Marshal agree that conditions warrant this declaration. Several factors are at play in this decision, including but not limited to input received from DNR, ORCCA, NWS, and other state, federal, and local agencies.

Chapter 8.72 JCC (Ordinance No. 04-0617-24) and Chapter 8.75 JCC define HIGH FIRE HAZARD as “a period of hot, dry weather accompanied by low fuel moistures, where fires start quickly, spread furiously, and burn intensely and are difficult to control unless they are successfully attacked when the fires are small. It is during this period that wildland fires can be expected, and fire growth will be accelerated.”

During a declaration of HIGH FIRE HAZARD:

- Use of charcoal briquettes is prohibited, except for commercially made listed and labeled barbeque devices located and used at a residence. JCC 8.72.040(5)(c)(i).
- Target shooting outside of gun ranges, and use of exploding targets or incendiary ammunition is prohibited. Hunting is allowed in open areas. JCC 8.72.040(5)(c)(i).
- The discharge, manufacture, sale, storage, or transportation of fireworks is prohibited. JCC 8.75.040(2).
- Outdoor burning is restricted; no recreational burning (campfires).

This declaration is in effect until atmospheric and field conditions fall to an acceptable level for a length of time to determine that the threat has lessened and that risk to residents, property, and emergency responders has subsided to acceptable levels.

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Phil Cecere, Jefferson County Fire Marshal

Mission Statement

To preserve and enhance the quality of life in Jefferson County by promoting a vibrant economy, sound communities and a healthy environment.