

**VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING EXTREME OR SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTING THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 60-2C-8.1

WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued Executive Order 2026-026 declaring drought and severe fire conditions throughout New Mexico and urging municipalities and counties to consider implementing fireworks bans and other fire prevention measures; and

WHEREAS, current drought indices published by the United States Drought Monitor, the National Integrated Drought Information System, and other federal agencies indicate drought conditions affecting Northern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Taos Ski Valley is located within a heavily forested mountain environment and is subject to significant wildfire risk due to dry fuels, steep terrain, limited evacuation routes, and proximity to public lands; and

WHEREAS, current fire conditions, including low fuel moisture, dry vegetation, high temperatures, low humidity, and seasonal wind events, create an elevated risk of wildfire ignition and spread; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of residents, visitors, businesses, and public infrastructure may be jeopardized by the ignition of wildfires caused by fireworks; and

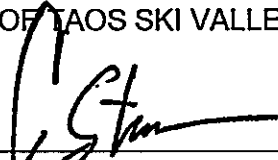
WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-8.1 authorizes municipalities experiencing extreme or severe drought conditions to restrict the sale and use of certain fireworks and to impose additional restrictions necessary to protect public health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY:

1. The Governing Body hereby finds and declares that extreme or severe drought and fire danger conditions exist within and around the Village of Taos Ski Valley and that such conditions present an immediate threat to life, property, natural resources, and critical infrastructure.
2. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-8.1, the sale and use of the following fireworks are prohibited within the Village of Taos Ski Valley:
 - a. Missile-type rockets;
 - b. Helicopters;
 - c. Aerial spinners;
 - d. Stick-type rockets; and
 - e. Ground audible devices.

3. All other permissible fireworks not listed above may only be used on paved or barren areas that have a readily accessible source of water available for immediate fire suppression purposes, as authorized by NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-8.1(B)(2)(a).
4. The use of any fireworks, including otherwise permissible fireworks, is prohibited on Village-owned trails, open space, parks, undeveloped property, forested areas, and other wildland areas within the Village.
5. Public fireworks displays conducted by or on behalf of the Village shall be permitted only upon approval of the Fire Chief or designee and shall comply with all applicable state laws, permits, and fire safety requirements.
6. Violations of this Resolution shall be subject to enforcement by the Village Police Department, Fire Department, Code Enforcement Officer, or other authorized officials as provided by law.
7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days, unless modified, renewed, or rescinded by the Governing Body in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-8.1.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2026.
 VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY



 Christopher Stanek, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Mariene Salazar, Village Clerk



Vote: For: 3 Against: 0 Abstain: 0