TOWN OF RICO ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-02
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO
IMPLEMENTING FIRE RESTRICTIONS TO BAN OPEN FIRE AND
FIREWORKS EFFECTIVE ON MAY 20TH, 2020

WHEREAS, the Rico Board of Trustees declares that the danger of wild land
fires is high, with continuing drought conditions affecting the mountains of Colorado;

WHEREAS, the Board further declares that a local ordinance establishing a fire
restriction is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of Rico citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE RICO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AS FOLLOWS:

1. Open fires are prohibited within the Town of Rico as long as current drought
conditions persist.

2. An "open fire" is any fire in an outdoor location where burning is not contained in
an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit. Bum barrels and
incinerators must have an adequate screen to restrict ash.

3. This ban on open fires shall continue in effect at all times, or until the Board of
Trustees suspends such ban by adoption of a Resolution finding that drought conditions
have subsided.

4. Fireworks are prohibited within the Town of Rico as long as current drought
conditions persist.

5. Any person who knowingly causes an open fire in violation of this Ordinance
shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days, or by a fine not
exceeding the sum of $50.00, plus costs, or by both a fine and imprisonment or uses
fireworks;

6. Because of the high wildfire danger, the Board of Trustees declares an emergency
and adopts this ordinance upon first reading.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY FINAL READING by Town of Rico
Board of Trustees this 20th day of May 2020

TOWN OF RICO, COLORADO

[Signature]
Barbara Betts, Mayor

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Linda Yellowman, Town Clerk