EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 10

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO BAN OPEN FIRES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2002, pursuant to Executive Order D 015 02, the Governor of the State of Colorado has declared a statewide ban on open burning and the sale and use of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the immediate threat of wildfires continues;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO;

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE, SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

1. The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Alamosa, Stated of Colorado, is authorized pursuant to 1973 C.R.S. 30-15-201 et. Seq., to ban open fires to a degree and in a manner that the board of county commissioners deems necessary to reduce the danger of wildfires within those portions of the unincorporated areas of the county where the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high.

2. The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, hereby bans open fires in all of the unincorporated areas of Alamosa County.

ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS

1. For purpose of this Emergency Ordinance, “open fires” is defined as any outdoor fire, including, but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, and the use of fireworks.

2. For purpose of this Emergency Ordinance, “open fires” does not include:

   (a) Gas or charcoal grills located at private residences;

   (b) Fireplaces within buildings; or

   (c) Professional commercial fireworks displays.

ARTICLE III
SEVERABILITY

If any paragraph or subparagraph of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a county of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.
ARTICLE VII
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Emergency Ordinance shall become effective on June 20, 2002, at 12:00 Noon.

Three in favor. None against

DATED this 20th day of June, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

By

Robert Zimmerman, Chairman

Holly Bowder, Clerk of the Board