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Due to historic wildfire conditions, extreme drought, and exhausted firefighting resources across the state, Governor Spencer Cox has issued an Emergency Declaration and Executive Order establishing a default statewide ban on all personal fireworks effective immediately through July 5, 2026.

Over the past two days, we have been in continual communication with mayors throughout Weber County, fire chiefs from neighboring municipalities, and our own Fire Chief and Fire Marshal. Together, we have carefully evaluated the conditions facing our region. While this decision is disappointing and unfortunate, the risk of loss of life, property, or injury to our first responders is simply too great this year given these historically dry conditions.

I have spent a great deal of time considering this decision, seeking the counsel, advice and input from our own city council, city staff, public safety professionals, fire experts, and community leaders, because I understand how much this tradition means to our families.

The Fourth of July is deeply meaningful to our nation and our community. This year carries even greater significance as we come together to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. That makes this decision especially difficult, but our responsibility to protect our residents, neighborhoods, and those who stand ready to respond in an emergency must come first.

What This Means for Farr West City Residents:

The discharge of all personal, consumer-grade fireworks, including sparklers, aerial fireworks, and ground-based fireworks, is strictly prohibited within all residential neighborhoods and throughout the municipal boundaries of Farr West City.

Farr West City, in direct consultation with the Weber Fire District, has determined that current ground conditions, combined with firefighting resources already stretched thin by wildfires across the state, and a very limited and narrow permitted boundary in Farr West present an extreme hazard. Therefore, no exceptions to this ban will be designated within city limits. A total ban on personal fireworks will remain in effect through July 5.

We recognize the disappointment many families will feel, and we sincerely appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our residents as we work together to protect our community during these extraordinary conditions.

As a reminder, licensed, professionally organized public fireworks displays approved by local fire officials are exempt from this order and may proceed as planned under fire department supervision. We encourage everyone to celebrate our nation's independence by attending Farr West City's Freedom Festival events and our professional fireworks display on July 4.

For a complete schedule of Freedom Festival events, please visit www.farrwestcity.gov

Sincerely,

Mayor David Bolos

Farr West City