

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF FIREWORKS WITHOUT A PERMIT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS IN 2015; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds as follows:

A. Section 4.934 of the Eugene Code, 1971, restricts the use of fireworks, allowing their use only on December 31, January 1, and June 23 through July 6, unless otherwise authorized by the City Manager by Administrative Rule.

B. Severe drought conditions exist within the City of Eugene. Therefore, it is necessary for public health and safety to disallow the use of fireworks within Eugene through the remainder of 2015, except for December 31, and except for a public fireworks show permitted under Section 105.6B of the Fire Code.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In addition to restrictions on the use of fireworks under State law and City Code, the use, lighting, detonation or display of fireworks is prohibited within the City of Eugene through the remainder of 2015, except that this prohibition does not apply on December 31, 2015, and does not apply to a public fireworks show permitted under Section 105.6B of the Fire Code.

Section 2. Due to the severe drought conditions and the upcoming 4th of July holiday, an emergency is declared to exist that cannot be addressed by the ordinance adoption procedures of Section 28(1) of the Eugene Charter of 2002. Immediately prior to adoption of this Ordinance, the City Council unanimously agreed to proceed with consideration of this Ordinance with an abbreviated notice of the public hearing date.

Section 3. As this matter has been declared an emergency, pursuant to the provisions of Section 32(2) of the Eugene Charter of 2002, with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the City Council, upon adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or passage over the Mayor’s veto, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Passed by the City Council this

Approved by the Mayor this

_____ day of July, 2015.

_____ day of July, 2015.

City Recorder

Mayor