



Town of Taos  
**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND HAZARDOUS FIRE CONDITIONS  
WITHIN THE TOWN OF TAOS  
AND TO BAN THE SALE AND USE OF CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN THE  
TOWN**

***For Immediate Release:***

**May 23, 2018** - On May 22, 2018 due to the severe drought conditions Taos is experiencing, the Town Council enacted Resolution 18-37, proclaiming extreme or severe drought conditions within the Town of Taos and to ban the sale and use of certain fireworks in the Town limits, consistent with NMSA 1978, 60-2C-8.1.(E) (1999). Emergency Ordinance 18-07 was also enacted declaring hazardous fire conditions and imposing restrictions on open fires, smoking and other ignition sources pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 3-17-1. Resolution 18-37 and Ordinance 18-07 can be viewed at the below links:

Resolution 18-37 <http://publicrecords.taosgov.com/weblink/0/doc/56045/Page1.aspx>

Ordinance 18-07 <http://publicrecords.taosgov.com/weblink/0/doc/56044/Page1.aspx>

In addition, below are additional links to sections of the Town Code regarding Fireworks and State law regarding negligent arson:

Chapter 8.16 of Taos Town Code

[http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book\\_id=602&chapter\\_id=39805](http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=602&chapter_id=39805)

8.16.100 Permissible Fireworks

[http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book\\_id=602&chapter\\_id=39805#s360902](http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=602&chapter_id=39805#s360902)

8.16.110 Prohibited Fireworks

[http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book\\_id=602&chapter\\_id=39805#s360903](http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=602&chapter_id=39805#s360903)

8.16.120 Seizure of Fireworks

[http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book\\_id=602&chapter\\_id=39805#s360904](http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=602&chapter_id=39805#s360904)

8.16.130 Penalty

[http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book\\_id=602&chapter\\_id=39805#s360905](http://sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=602&chapter_id=39805#s360905)

Link from the national safety council regarding use of firework

<https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer/fireworkss>

NMSA(New Mexico Statutes Annotated) 1978 Section 30-17-5 Arson and Negligent Arson