

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 48.04.120 OF THE CORONADO MUNICIPAL CODE TO LIMIT BEACH FIRES TO THE CITY-PROVIDED FIRE RINGS ON NORTH BEACH.**

WHEREAS, section 48.04.120 of the Coronado Municipal Code currently governs beach fires and states that fires are permitted when using a City-provided fire ring, portable barbecue, or personal fire ring container; and

WHEREAS, smoke-intrusion issues and lack of adequate emergency fire personnel and equipment at certain City beaches are causing concern about uncontrolled fire activity on City beaches; and

WHEREAS, the City Council requested staff to explore establishing a policy and Municipal Code regulation for beach fires at all of our City beaches; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, the City Council approved to amend CMC section 48.04.120 to limit beach fires to City-provided fire rings on North Beach, prohibiting the use of all portable fire pits, grills, and barbecues; and

WHEREAS, the amendments are exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act because they will result in only minor alterations and use of land, and are actions taken for the protection of the environment and natural resources.

The City Council of the City of Coronado, California, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1:

All of the above statements are true and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2:

Title 48, Chapter 48.04, Section 48.04.120, of Coronado Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows (underlines are additions and ~~strikeouts~~ are deletions):

- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to build, maintain, or kindle a fire on any public beach, except in a City provided fire circle, or except as otherwise provided herein. ~~It shall also be permissible to build a fire in a portable barbecue or other similar device. The~~ All coals ~~from said barbecue or device~~

shall be deposited in an official fire circle or hot coal container. ~~A fire in a fire circle or portable barbecue shall be used only to build beach fires for cooking or warmth, and it shall be unlawful to use the same as incinerators to burn rubbish and waste materials.~~ The materials used for fires on the public beach shall not exceed a height of 12 inches above the upper edge of the fire circle ~~or portable barbecue~~ and shall be contained within the inside edge of the fire circle. ~~or portable barbecue.~~

- D. It shall be unlawful for any person to burn in any such fire circle, ~~barbecue, or device~~ landscape debris, paint, stain, sealer, wood preservative, cloth, rubber, metal (including nails and other hardware), asphalt, foam rubber, plastic, or any similar matter or material inconsistent with San Diego County Air Pollution Control District restrictions and leaving any type of solid residue other than ash.
- E. It is unlawful for any person to abandon any lawful fire ~~upon any beach area~~ without first having extinguished the fire. The ashes thereof, however, shall not be covered. All unburned wood shall be removed or placed in trash cans or receptacles provided therefor, so that the beach is left in a clean, sanitary, and presentable condition.

SECTION 3:

Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Chapter, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, the City Clerk of the City of Coronado shall cause this ordinance published pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 36933.

**INTRODUCED AND FIRST READ** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coronado, California, on April 16, 2024; and

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Coronado at a regular meeting thereof this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, by the following vote to wit:

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

APPROVED:

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RICHARD BAILEY, Mayor of the  
City of Coronado, California

ATTEST:

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KELSEA HOLIAN, City Clerk of the  
City of Coronado, California

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO : ss.  
CITY OF CORONADO )

I, Kelsea Holian, City Clerk of the City of Coronado, hereby certify that the foregoing ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05 passed at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coronado held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, after having been read at the regular meeting of said City Council held on the 16th day of April, 2024.

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KELSEA HOLIAN, City Clerk of the  
City of Coronado, California

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