

Resolution No. 472

A resolution related to outdoor burning of storm-related debris authorizing the City staff to take permits for outdoor burning of said debris.

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Ordinance No. 555 codified in the Forks Municipal Code at FMC 8.20 *et al.*, the City adopted a process that could allow for out-door burning of storm related debris when exceptional situations arise;

WHEREAS, the triple set of serious wind storms experienced in December toppled trees, and sent branches sailing, resulting in the repeated loss of power and also significant storm-related debris from toppled and damaged trees, bushes, etc.;

WHEREAS, the State's prohibition on outdoor burning has an exception when associated with storm-related debris if permits can be issued by an appropriate jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the City has contacted the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency about utilizing the exception and the City permit process in light of the 2018 storms;

WHEREAS, said ordinance requires a declaration by the Council via resolution that staff may begin taking permits for outdoor burning of storm-related debris;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORKS THAT:

1. It declares, authorizes and empowers the Mayor and City staff to develop and publish a timeline pursuant to the City's code; and, based upon that timeline to further process permit applications for the outdoor burning of storm-related debris in a manner, and in a form, developed by staff as soon as possible;
2. It further authorizes and empowers the Mayor and City staff to undertake any paperwork necessary to process the permit applications submitted by Forks residents with the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency in order to ensure that Forks residents are permitted to burn their storm-related debris; and,
3. It reminds Forks residents that the outdoor burning of storm debris, or other material in the City of Forks, is not permitted unless in accordance with City, County and/or applicable State laws.

Passed by the City Council on this 28th Day of January 2019.




Tim Fletcher, Mayor

Authenticated and Attested to:



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Clerk/Treasurer

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