

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-_____

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF ASHLAND GENERAL FUEL MODIFICATION AREA PROHIBITED FLAMMABLE PLANT LIST FOR APPLICATION IN ASHLAND'S DESIGNATED WILDFIRE LANDS

RECITALS:

- A. The Ashland City Council on _____, 2018 adopted Ordinance No. _____, amending development standards within the City of Ashland Wildfire Lands, which shall be codified as Chapter 18.3.10.100 of the Ashland Municipal Code.
- B. The Ashland City Council on _____, 2018 adopted Ordinance No. _____, amending chapter 9.04 of the Ashland Municipal Code to declare prohibited flammable plants within a General Fuel Modification Area a nuisance.
- C. The City of Ashland recognizes the threat that wildfire poses to people, property and infrastructure within our community;
- D. The City of Ashland recognizes establishment of fuel modification areas around structures is a vital wildfire mitigation action that will reduce the potential for harmful impacts of wildfire upon properties and the occupants of properties,
- E. The City of Ashland recognizes that specific highly flammable plants can accelerate the spread of wildfire, and may impede fire repression efforts in the event of a wildfire.
- F. The City of Ashland recognizes that the establishment of a General Fuel Modification Area Prohibited Flammable Plant List will promote landscapes that do not include highly flammable plants in the immediate proximity of structures, which will reduce the risk of the spread of wildfires.

THE CITY OF ASHLAND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 9.04.011 and Section 18.3.10.100 of the Ashland Municipal Code, the City Council of the City of Ashland establishes a General Fuel Modification Area Prohibited Flammable Plant List as follows:

General Fuel Modification Area Prohibited Flammable Plant List

The use of the following landscape plants is restricted within the City of Ashland Wildfire Lands overlay area per the general fuel modification area standards set forth in Chapter 18.3.10.100 of the Ashland Land Use Ordinance. All landscaping plants can be flammable if not properly maintained and watered. This list will be reviewed yearly by the Wildfire Mitigation Commission, with changes brought to City Council for adoption in an amended Resolution as needed.

Prohibited Trees

- Arborvitae/Redcedar (Thuja sp.)
- *Cedar (Cedrus sp.)
- *Cedar/Cypress (Chamaecyparis sp.)
- *Cypress (Cupressus sp.)
- Douglas-fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii)
- Fir (Abies sp.)
- *Hemlock (Tsuga sp.)
- Incense Cedar (Calocedrus decurrens or Libocedrus decurrens)
- *Juniper (Juniperus sp.)
- *Pine (Pinus sp.)
- Giant Sequoia (Sequoiadendron sp.)
- Coast Redwood (Sequoia sp.)
- *Spruce (Picea sp.)
- *Yew (Taxus sp.)

Prohibited Shrubs

- Bitterbrush (Purshia tridentata)
- Broom (Cytisus sp.)
- *Ceanothus (Ceanothus sp.)
- Himalayan Blackberry (Rubus armeniacus)
- Juniper (Juniperus sp.)
- *Lavender (Lavandula sp.)
- *Manzanita (Arctostaphylos sp.)
- *Oregon grape (Mahonia aquifolium)
- *Rosemary (Rosmarinus sp.)
- Sagebrush (Artemisia tridentata or californica sp.)

Prohibited Grasses

- Pampas grass (Cortaderia selloana)

*Exceptions may be granted for dwarf or prostrate varieties of these species planted beyond 5 feet from any structure, and that follow tree or shrub spacing guidelines as defined in the General Fuel Modification Area Standards in Chapter 18.3.10.100.

This resolution was duly PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018, and takes effect upon signing by the Mayor.

Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

John Stromberg, Mayor

Reviewed as to form:

David H. Lohman, City Attorney