

ORDINANCE #99-06-24A

COUNTY OF GRANT, NEW MEXICO

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 99-05-13A,
DECLARATION OF A FIRE HAZARD EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Grant County Board of Commissioners ("Commission"), at its regular meeting held on May 13, 1999, acknowledged the severity of the drought conditions then existing within Grant County, declared a fire hazard emergency and determined that to protect the health and safety and property of citizens and to protect the County from substantial financial loss, measures should be taken to decrease the risk of injury to persons or property and substantial financial loss to Grant County as a result of fire; and,

WHEREAS, the Grant County Commission, in response to the fire hazard conditions, enacted Grant County Ordinance No. 99-05-13A, which placed restrictions on all individuals within Grant County that all persons are required to cease any type of action within the boundaries of Grant County that would magnify the fire hazard in Grant County until further notice by the Grant County Commission, including, without limitation, use and sale of fireworks, fireplace burning and open fires; and,

WHEREAS, due to the appearance of the summer rains, the danger of range fires, brush fires, grass fires, structure fires and other fires and the probability of ignition of materials likely to serve as fuel for fire has markedly decreased in and around Grant County; and,

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, Conservation Division, has set aside its restrictions prohibiting open fires; and, whereas the health, safety, and welfare of the public is no longer at a substantial risk for occurrence of fire in and around the forested areas of Grant County; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service has set aside their restrictions on open fires; and

WHEREAS, the fire restrictions placed on individuals within Grant County pursuant to Grant County Ordinance No. 99-05-13A are therefore no longer necessary and should be rescinded immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NEW MEXICO, THAT: Grant County Ordinance No. 99-05-13A is hereby declared to be immediately rescinded on the grounds that a fire emergency no longer exists within Grant County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED THAT no prior publication of this Ordinance shall be necessary. The Board of County Commissioners

declares that the emergency conditions which gave rise to Ordinance No. 99-05-13A no longer exist and that there is no longer an immediate danger to the public health, safety and welfare of the County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED THAT this Ordinance shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks after final passage to give notice to the public of the Rescission of Grant County Ordinance No. 99-05-13A, the Emergency Fire Hazard Ordinance and its restrictions on burning.

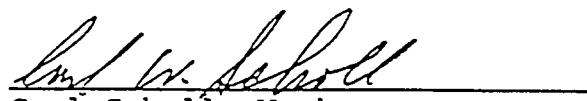
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 1999.

GRANT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



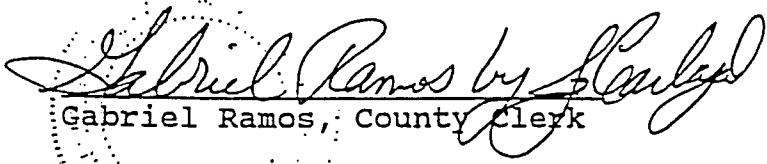
Manuel T. Serna, Chairman

David C. Conway, Member



Carl Scholl, Member

ATTEST:



Gabriel Ramos, County Clerk