

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 5253

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING EL DORADO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE
TITLE 8 – PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CHAPTER 8.07. – UNLAWFUL
FIRES ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY**

The proposed ordinance adds Title 8, Chapter 8.07 of the El Dorado County Ordinance Code, entitled “Unlawful Fires on Private or Public Property”. The proposed ordinance would prohibit the initiation, maintenance, or permission of unlawful fires, as defined, on private or public property within the jurisdiction of El Dorado County. An “unlawful fire” is defined as any flame or burning material ignited on private or public property without the express consent of the property owner or authorized representative, and without compliance with applicable state and local fire safety laws, regulations, and permit requirements. The ordinance includes a list of exceptions to this prohibition, including authorized controlled burns, cooking and heating fires with the permission of the property owner, certain residential debris burning, fires in recreational areas compliant with posted signage, and certain other California Fire Code-compliant fires. Violation of this ordinance would constitute a misdemeanor.

Adoption of this ordinance will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on March 3, 2026. Instructions for participating in this meeting can be found at <https://eldorado.legistar.com/calendar.aspx> . Further information on this matter, including the full and complete copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance, may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, located at 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA, or by calling (530) 621-5390. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following adoption hereof.