

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLARK FORK, BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO
ENCOURAGING THE CESSATION OF GRASS FIELD BURNING IN IDAHO.

WHEREAS the City of Clark Fork has deep concerns about the practice of burning grass fields in the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS many of the citizens in Clark Fork are elderly and some have respiratory problems that are aggravated by the thick smoke that is sent our way; and

WHEREAS continued pollution of our air by this practice is considered by the medical community to be hazardous to the health and welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS North Idaho is recognized as one of those few places of almost unparalleled natural beauty whose unique quality is being threatened by smoke caused by the burning; and

WHEREAS the choking smoke and fouled air caused by field burning for the benefit of the few seed growers prevents our citizens from enjoying the outdoors during the prime summer days of August; and

WHEREAS over a period of many years all attempts at negotiation to reach a compromise with the grass growers have failed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) that we, the Mayor and City Council of Clark Fork, Idaho strongly encourage that grass field burning in Idaho be declared illegal and ceased;
- 2) that we support the efforts of SAFE (Safe Air For Everyone) to solve the smoke problem through whatever lawful means they may choose;
- 3) that a copy of this resolution will be sent to various government officials including, but not limited to, the Governor and the Director of Environmental Quality of the State of Idaho.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of August, 2002.

Tom Shields
Tom Shields, Mayor

Council Members:

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