



April 26, 2019
12:00 p.m.

MEMBER COMMENTS:
PROPOSED NEW COVENANTS RULE- SEASONAL FIRE BAN
April 19 thru 26, 2019

Below are comments sent in for the 45-day member notification and comment period for the proposed new Covenants Seasonal Fire Ban rule. Comments were received April 19 thru 26, 2019. A total of 3 comments were received during this period.

Please relay to the BOD that as a concerned owner I do not object to banning open fires during high danger periods but I take objection to the fines as they are currently proposed.

The party who actually started the fire should be responsible for the violation and fine whether it's the property owner, an owner's guest or a renter provided they were all properly notified of a fire ban.

Levying a fine on a property owner when a paying or non paying guest has an open fire despite being informed of a ban would be akin to the US Government fining itself if a guest at a national park or other US forest area set a fire in a restricted area or during a ban. In short, the party directly responsible for the infraction should be accountable for any fine or damage resulting from the infraction.

Will Tahoe Donner pay a fine or be responsible for damage or a crime that is committed by any person on TD property or is the expectation that the offender will be held responsible?

I respectfully submit the following comments regarding the Agenda item dealing with **Fire Safety** for the upcoming Board Meeting on Saturday, 4/27/2019:

- I very much concur that fire safety is of paramount importance at Tahoe Donner.
- To this extent, I agree with the measures taken by the Town of Truckee in this regard.
- I further agree that all owners of TD homes and their guests should be made aware of this danger and of the measures imposed by the Town of Truckee. I propose that this awareness campaign should include that a special note, prepared by the TDA office, **must be posted in a prominent place in each TD home.**
- To the extent that the **Town of Truckee permits charcoal fires in an enclosed BBQ container designed for this purpose, such as a Weber, placed on the paved driveway of a private property, such permission should also be applicable to TD homes.**





— I also agree that non-compliance with this rule itself shall carry a significant fine, whereby it seems appropriate to me to consider the fine schedule of the Town of Truckee as applicable and appropriate. ***An amount of \$5000 is unreasonable and excessive.***
— The fine should be charged to and ***payable by the offending party*** (with the same reasoning by which moving traffic violations are charged to the offender and not the vehicle owner).

I am a full time Tahoe Donner resident. I know you are in the process of establishing the rules for burning in 2019. Looking back to last year, I know there was no charcoal barbecuing, no open fires in pits, etc. and I think no Tiki Torches (but I am not sure about that). I think propane fueled gas barbecues were OK (moot point for me as I do not have one of those). My question is will Wood Pellet driven smokers/barbecues (like Traeger) be allowed? Of course with those there is no open flame as the pellets are heated up by use of an electrical system. There is smoke coming from the smoke stack. As far as I know there is no chance of embers emanating from the barbecue itself. I am thinking about buying one but before I do wanted to make sure if they were going to be OK in TD per the 2019 no-burn rules.

Thanks for your attention in this matter.

