

**2021 International Wildland Urban Interface Code
Resolution 2021-003**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
INDIAN HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TO ADOPT THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND
URBAN INTERFACE CODE**

WHEREAS, the Indian Hills Fire Protection District ("District") provides fire protection services to a part of the unincorporated limits of the County of Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Board of Directors ("Board") has adopted a fire code to provide for uniformity of the requirements within the total District, to assist in the preservation of property and lives, to clarify relations between this and neighboring Districts, and to promote the prevention of fire and damage within the District; and

WHEREAS, section 1002[d] of Title 32, Article 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, provides for the adoption and enforcement of fire codes by the Colorado Fire Protection Districts; and

WHEREAS, section 1002[d] of Title 32, Article 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes also requires that the Board of County Commissioners approve all fire codes adopted by the fire districts which are also within unincorporated portions of a county; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt to the same code as adopted by other fire districts in Jefferson County to provide uniformity; and

WHEREAS, the Board also desires to adopt as promulgated by the International Code Council; and

WHEREAS, the Board also desires to adopt the International Wildland Urban Interface Code [2021 Edition].

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIAN HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT THAT:

- I. Adoption of Code: The International Wildland Interface Code [2021 Edition] as promulgated by the International Code Council and the Amendments as attached hereto, is hereby adopted.
- II. From and after this date, said Code shall be administered and enforced by the Fire Chief of the Indian Hills Fire Protection District or his authorized representative, as required and provided for in Section 1002 of Title 32, Article 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.
- III. The Fire Marshal of Indian Hills Fire Protection District for the purpose of enforcing said Code shall be considered an authorized representative of the Fire Chief. This section shall not limit the designation of additional authorized representatives if the Chief, with approval by the Board, deems it necessary for the effective enforcement of the Code.
- IV. The Code will become effective for unincorporated areas of Jefferson County within the District upon the approval by the Board of County Commissioners.
- V. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as modifying or limiting the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Fire Chief of the Indian Hills Fire Protection District or his authorized representative to carry out and fulfill those powers and obligations set forth and enumerated in Section 1002 of Title 32, Article I of the Colorado Revised Statutes as amended.
- VI. The International Wildland Interface Code [2021 Edition] is amended and changed in the following respects:
 - ❖ 1. Chapter 1, §101.1 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Wildland-Urban Interface Code of Indian Hills Fire Protection District, hereinafter referred to as “this code”.
 - ❖ 2. Chapter 1, §101.5.1 add to read:

101.5.1 Additions. Additions to property located in Wildfire Zone 1 as specified in the Wildfire Hazard Overlay District of the Jefferson County Zoning Resolution.
 - ❖ 3. Chapter 1, §103.1 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

The Indian Hills Fire Protection District is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the *code official*. The function of the agency shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.
 - ❖ 4. Chapter 1, §104.3 shall be amended by the addition of the following sentence:

Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of immunities provided by §24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. or by other statutes, or by the common law.

- ❖ 5. Chapter 1, §106.2 shall be amended as follows:
 - 10. Open Burning shall be deleted.
- ❖ 6. Chapter 1, §109.2.1 and 109.2.2 add to read:
 - 109.2.1 Pursuant to §32-1-1002 (1)(e)(II) CRS, the Board may fix and from time to time may increase or decrease fees and charges, at its discretion, for inspections, operational permits, and review of plans and specifications, which are:
 - 1. Requested or mandated for existing structures, buildings and improvements; and
 - 2. Necessitated in conjunction with any county regulation, resolution or condition of development; or
 - 3. Performed in conjunction with the construction of new structures, buildings, and improvements.
 - 109.2.2 Said fees and charges may, at the discretion of the Board, include a charge for reimbursement to the district of any consultation fees, expenses or costs incurred by the district in the performance of the assessments, responses, inspections or review of the plans and specifications.
- ❖ 7. Chapter 1, §110.4.7 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

110.4.7 Violation penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the *approved construction documents* or directive of the *code official*, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a Code Violation. County resolutions shall stipulate what the offense(s) will be. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.
- ❖ 8. Chapter 1, §110.4.9 add to read:

110.4.9 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to a fee, fine and/or imprisonment up to the maximum specified in §32-1-1001 and §32-1-1002, CRS. County resolutions shall stipulate what the offense(s) will be.
- ❖ 9. Chapter 1, §113.1 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

113.1 General. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the *code official* relative to the application and interpretation of this code, there shall be and is hereby created a board of appeals. The board of appeals shall a subcommittee of three members of the Board, designated annually by the Board as members of the Appeal Committee. The board shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant, with a duplicate copy to the *code official*. The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be deemed as final agency action for purposes of any grievant seeking judicial review of an adverse decision.
- ❖ 10. Chapter 1, §113.5 add to read:

113.5 Written agreements. The Board, upon recommendation of the Appeals Committee or the chief or upon its own motion, may enter into written agreements for enforcement or compliance with the owner, lessee, occupant or authorized agent thereof, of any property, building or structure, or any interested person directly affected by the application of this code. Said agreements may extend the time for compliance with this code, and may contain

such terms and conditions that the Board deems appropriate to adequately protect the life, health, property, security and welfare of the general public.

- ❖ 11. Chapter 1, §114.4 add to read:
114.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to a fee, fine and/or imprisonment up to the maximum specified in §32-1-1001 and §32-1-1002, CRS. County resolutions shall stipulate what the offense(s) will be.
- ❖ 12. Chapter 2, The following definitions shall be deleted:
IGNITION-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION, CLASS 1. A schedule of additional requirements for construction in wildland-urban interface areas based on extreme fire hazard.
IGNITION-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION, CLASS 2. A schedule of additional requirements for construction in wildland-urban interface areas based on high fire hazard.
IGNITION-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION, CLASS 3. A schedule of additional requirements for construction in wildland-urban interface areas based on moderate fire hazard.
- ❖ 13. Chapter 2, Add the following definitions:
BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Those persons elected by statute under Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 32, that govern the Indian Hills Fire Protection District.
COUNTY. The County of Jefferson, Colorado.
DISTRICT. The legally defined boundaries of the Indian Hills Fire Protection District within Jefferson and Park Counties, Colorado.
FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN. As defined by the Colorado State Forest Service.
WILDFIRE ZONE 1. Wildfire Hazard Overlay District as defined in the Jefferson County Zoning Resolution, Section 39.
- ❖ 14. Chapter 3, §302.1 shall be replaced and amended as follows:
302.1 Declaration. The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners shall declare the wildland-urban interface areas within Jefferson County. The wildland-urban interface areas shall be based on the findings of fact. The wildland-urban interface area boundary shall correspond to natural or man-made features.
- ❖ 15. Chapter 3, §302.3 shall be replaced and amended as follows:
302.3 Review or wildland urban interface areas. The *code official* and *Wildland Taskforce* shall reevaluate and recommend modification to the *wildland urban interface areas* in accordance with Section 302.1 on a 3-year basis or more frequently as deemed necessary by the legislative body.
- ❖ 16. Chapter 4, §402.1 shall be replaced and amended as follows:
402.1 Subdivisions. Subdivisions shall comply with Sections 402.1.1 and 402.1.2.
402.1.1 Access. New subdivisions, as determined by this jurisdiction, shall be provided with fire apparatus access roads in accordance with the *International Fire Code* current *Jefferson County Land Development Regulations and Jefferson County Transportation Design and Construction Manual*.
402.1.2 Water supply. New subdivisions as determined by this jurisdiction shall be

provided with water supply in accordance with Section 404 and current *Jefferson County Land Development Regulations*.

- ❖ 17. Chapter 4, §402.2 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

402.2 Individual structures. Individual structures shall comply with Sections 402.2.1 and 402.2.2.

402.2.1 Access. Individual structures hereafter constructed or relocated into or within *wildland-urban interface areas* shall be provided with fire apparatus access in accordance with the *International Fire Code*, current *Jefferson County Land Development Regulations* and *Jefferson County Transportation Design and Construction Manual*. Marking of fire protection equipment shall be provided in accordance with Section 403.5 and address markers shall be provided in accordance with Section 403.6.

402.2.2 Water supply. Individual structures hereafter constructed or relocated into or within *wildland-urban interface areas* shall be provided with a conforming water supply in accordance with Section 404 and current *Jefferson County Land Development Regulations*.

Exceptions:

1. Buildings containing only private garages, carports, sheds and agricultural buildings with a floor area of not more than 600 square feet (56 m²).

- ❖ 18. Chapter 4, §403.1.1 add to read:

403.1.1 Gates. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect or construct a gate, regardless of height, across access that serves a parcel or parcels, a tract or tracts, or a lot or lots without first obtaining a permit from Jefferson County Planning and Zoning and approval from the appropriate Fire Protection District. The permit shall be valid for one year, all work must be completed within this time frame or a new or a renewal permit will be required. (*Zoning Resolution, Section D, 2, Page 5, Amended 5-21-19*).

- ❖ 19. Chapter 4, §403.2 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

403.2 Driveways. Driveways shall be provided in accordance with the *Jefferson County Transportation Design & Construction Manual* and the *International Fire Code* as amended by the district.

- ❖ 20. Chapter 4, §403.3 shall be deleted.

- ❖ 21. Chapter 4, §403.7 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

403.7 Grade. The gradient for fire apparatus access roads and driveways shall be in accordance with the *Jefferson County Transportation Design & Construction Manual* and the *International Fire Code* as amended by the district.

- ❖ 22. Chapter 4, §404.1 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

404.1 General. Where provided as required for new subdivisions and individual structures in accordance with Section 402.1.2 and 402.2.2, an approved water source shall have an adequate water supply for the use of the fire protection service to protect buildings and structures from exterior fire sources or to suppress structure fires within the wildland-urban interface area of the jurisdiction in accordance with this section.

Exception: Buildings containing only private garages, carports, sheds and agricultural buildings with a floor area of not more than 3,600 square feet.

- ❖ 23. Chapter 4, §404.5 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

404.5 Adequate water supply. Adequate water supply shall be determined for purposes of initial attack and flame front control as follows:

1. **New Subdivisions.** The minimum required water supply for one- and two-family dwelling subdivisions is 30,000 gallons. An approved 30,000 gallon water supply shall be located within 1,000 feet of every dwelling or an approved fire hydrant system shall be provided with an approved fire hydrant located within 1,000 feet of every dwelling. The fire hydrant shall flow a minimum of 500 gpm @20psi.
2. **New individual one- and two-family dwellings.** New individual one- and two-family dwellings built in Wildfire Zone 1 shall install an *approved* automatic sprinkler system. The installation of the automatic sprinkler systems shall be in accordance with nationally recognized standards.
3. **Buildings other than one- and two-family dwellings.** The water supply required for buildings other than one- and two-family dwellings shall be as approved by the *code official* but shall be not less than 1,500 gallons per minute (95 L/s) for a duration of 2 hours.

Exceptions: A reduction in required flow rate of up to ~~75~~ 50 percent, as approved by the *code official*, is allowed where the building is provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system. The resulting water supply shall not be less than 1,500 gallons per minute (94.6 L/s).

- ❖ 24. Chapter 4, §405.5 add to read:

405.5 Forest Management Plans. Forest Management Plans shall be in accordance with the *Jefferson County Land Development Regulations and Wildfire Mitigation Standards* of the Colorado State Forest Service.

- ❖ 25. Chapter 5 Delete Chapter 5 in its entirety and replace with the *2018 JEFFERSON COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CODE AND SUPPLEMENT, APPENDIX Z, SPECIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS IN WILDFIRE ZONE 1*.

- ❖ 26. Chapter 6, §602.1 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

602.1 General. An *approved* automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all occupancies in new buildings in Wildfire Zone 1. The installation of the automatic sprinkler systems shall be in accordance with nationally recognized standards.

Exception: Buildings containing only private garages, carports, sheds and agricultural buildings.

- ❖ 27. Chapter 6, §603.1 shall be replaced and amended as follows:

603.2 Fuel Modification. Buildings or structures, constructed in Wildfire Zone 1 shall comply with Jefferson County Regulations and Standards and Wildfire Mitigation Standards of the Colorado State Forest Service.

- ❖ 28. Chapter 7, REFERENCED STANDARDS. The following shall be replaced and amended as follows:

IBC: International Building Code® as adopted by the local jurisdiction.

IRC: International Residential Code® as adopted by the local jurisdiction.

IFC: International Fire Code® as adopted by the local jurisdiction.

VII: Penalties

- (a) Any owner, lessee, agent, or occupant of any building or premises maintaining any condition likely to cause fire or to constitute an additional fire hazard or any condition which impedes or prevents the egress of persons from such building or premises in violation of the provisions of CRS §32-1-1002(3), shall be deemed to be maintaining a fire hazard. Any person who violates any provision of said Section V, subsection (c) is guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day in which such violation occurs shall constitute a separate violation of CRS §32-1-1002(3).
- (b) The application of the above penalty shall not be construed to prevent the enforced removal or correction of prohibited conditions or other injunctive relief.

VIII: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions:

All former ordinances or resolutions enacted by the District or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent *with* the provisions of this resolution of the Code or standards hereby adopted are hereby repealed.

IX: Validity and Conflict:

The Board hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of *this* resolution or of the code or standards hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Board that it would have passed all other portions of this resolution independent of elimination here from of any such portion of this resolution or code or standards adopted herein to be interpreted in conflict with existing State law. In the event there is conflict between State law and this code, State law shall take precedent

X: Date of Effect:

This resolution shall take effect and be enforced within incorporated municipalities and unincorporated portions of Jefferson County, from and after its approval as set forth in CRS §32-1-1002(l)(d).

APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Indian Hills Fire Protection District, upon a motion duly made, seconded and passed at its regular meeting held on the 12th day of Nov, 2021, by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

INDIAN HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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President

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Secretary

