

FOOTHILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09-08-003

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

WHEREAS, the Foothills 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 District Board of Directors ("Board") has adopted a fire code to provide for uniformity of requirements within the 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, the Colorado State Legislature, through the adoption of the House Bill 1320, has provided in section 1002(d) of Title 32, Article I of the Colorado Revised Statutes, for the adoption and enforcement of fire codes by the Colorado fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1320 also requires that the Board of County Commissioners approve all fire codes adopted by the fire districts that are also within unincorporated portions of a county; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has adopted the International Fire Code [2024 Edition] including Appendix E, Appendix F and Appendix G, as promulgated by the International Code Council, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the International Fire Code [2024 Edition] as adopted by Jefferson County to provide uniformity; and

WHEREAS, the District also desires to adopt Appendix B, Appendix C, Appendix D, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G and Appendix H as promulgated by the International Code Council; and

WHEREAS, the Board also desires to adopt the changes and amendments in Section 6 of this resolution to the International Fire Code [2024 Edition].

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

I. Adoption of Code:

The International Fire Code [2024 Edition] including Appendix B, Appendix C, Appendix D, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G and Appendix H as promulgated by the International Code Council and the amendments as attached hereto ("Code"), is hereby adopted.

II. Administration and Enforcement:

From and after this date, said Code shall be administered and enforced by the Fire Chief of

the Foothills Fire Protection District or his authorized representative, as required and provided for in Section 1002 of Title 32, Article I of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

III. Designation of Responsibilities

The Fire Marshal of Foothills 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 deems it necessary for the effective enforcement of the Code.

IV. Effective Date

The Code will become effective for unincorporated areas of Jefferson County within the District upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Until approval, the existing version of the 2018 International Fire Code shall remain in effect.

V. Limits of Powers

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as modifying or limiting the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Fire Chief of the Foothills Fire Protection District or his authorized representative to carry out and fulfill those powers and obligations set forth and enumerated in Sections 1001 and 1002 of Title 32, Article 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes as amended.

VI. International Fire Code Changes and Amendments

The International Fire Code shall be amended and changed in the following respects:

1. Chapter 1, §101.1 shall be amended to read:

101.1 Title. "These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the Foothills Fire Protection District, hereafter referred to as "this code.""

2. Chapter 1, §101.2.1 shall be amended to read:

101.2.1 Appendices. "By this reference Appendices B, C, D, E, F, G and H are adopted and incorporated into this code for all purposes. Appendix Chapters A, I, J, K, L, M, N and O are excluded from adoption."

3. Chapter 1, §102.11 shall be amended by the addition of the following section:

102.11 "Rules and regulations promulgated by the State of Colorado under the authority established by 24-33.5-1204.5, C.R.S. including, but not limited to the current Colorado Fire Suppression Rules, shall be enforced under the provisions of sections 102.8 through 102.11."

4. Chapter 1, §103.1 shall be amended to read:

103.1 Creation of Agency. "The Community Risk Reduction Division of the Foothills Fire Protection District is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the *fire code official*. The function of the agency shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code."

5. Chapter 1, §104.8 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."

6. Chapter 4, §104.11 shall be amended by the addition of the following sentence:

“The authority of the Fire Chief of the District or designated members of the Fire Prevention Division and district to act as police officers shall only extend as far as the authority set forth in §§ 32-1-1001 and 32-1-1002, C.R.S., or other applicable state statutes.”

7. Chapter 1, §105.6.26 is added to read as follows:

105.6.26 Buildings and facilities. “Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change occupancy of a building, or structure, or facility permitted under the international building code, or which requires a new fire sprinkler or fire alarm system to be installed or modified, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall make an application to the fire code official and obtain the required permit.”

8. Chapter 1, §108.2.1 is added to read as follows:

108.2.1 Setting of Fees “Pursuant to §§ 32-1-1001(j) and 32-1-1002 (l)(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 necessitated in conjunction with any county regulation, resolution or condition of development; or

(2) Performed in conjunction with the construction of new structures, buildings, and improvements. 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 inspections or review of the plans and specifications.”

9. Chapter 1, §110.3 shall be amended by the addition of the following sentence:

110.3 Recordkeeping. “The *fire code official* may require the records be filed through a third-party reporting company chosen by the *fire code official*.”

10. Chapter 1, §112.3 shall be amended by replaced as follows:

“112.3 Appeals Board Designees. An appeal shall be heard by a subcommittee of three members of the Board, designated annually by the Board as members of the Appeal Committee.”

11. Chapter 1, §113.4, Violation penalties, shall be replaced and amended as follows:

113.4 Violation penalties. "Persons who violate a provision of this code, fail to comply with any requirement thereof, or erect, install, alter, repair, or perform work in violation of *approved construction documents*, a directive of the *fire code official*, or a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code shall be guilty of a civil infraction. Violations may be subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall constitute a separate violation."

12. Chapter 1, §114.4, Failure to comply, shall be replaced and amended as follows:

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 fine and/or imprisonment up to the maximum specified in §32-1-1001 and §32-1-1002, CRS. Jefferson County resolutions shall stipulate what the offense(s) will be.”

13. Chapter 1, §11 6 is added to read as follows:

14. "This Chapter shall be interpreted to be consistent with the provision of §32-1-1002(3),CRS."Chapter 5, §503.2 shall be amended by the addition of the following section:

“503.2.9 Driveways and private roads. Driveways and private roads shall be installed in accordance with the *Jefferson County Transportation Design & Construction Manual*.

15. Chapter 5, §507.1 shall be amended by the addition of the following section:

“507.1.1 Subdivisions and Rural Clusters. New subdivisions and rural cluster developments shall have an approved cistern or private fire hydrant system. The point at which a water source is available for use shall be located not more than 1,000 feet from the *dwelling unit* and be *approved* by the *fire code official*. The distance shall be measured along an unobstructed line of travel. The minimum useable storage capacity of the fire cistern shall be 30,000 gallons. The minimum delivery capability of the private fire hydrant system shall be 500 gpm at a minimum of 20 psi water pressure.”

16. Chapter 5, §507.2 shall be amended by the addition of the following sections:

“507.2.3 Fire cisterns. Fire cisterns and appurtenances shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 22 and Foothills Fire Protection District standards.”

17. Chapter 5 §507.5.1.1 shall be amended to read:

“507.5.1.1 Hydrants for standpipe and automatic sprinkler system. For buildings equipped with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2, or an approved standpipe system in accordance with Section 905, a fire hydrant shall be located a minimum of 50 feet and a maximum of 100 feet from the fire department connection(s) in an approved location measured by an *approved* route.

Exception: The distance shall be permitted to exceed 100 feet (30.48m) or less than 50 ft (15.24m) where *approved* by the *fire code official*.”

18. Chapter 9, 901.6.3.2 is added to read as follows:

“901.6.3.2 Third party reporting. "The fire code official is authorized to require inspection, testing, and maintenance contractors to utilize third party tracking and reporting of the status of fire protection, fire detection, life safety, and emergency responder communication enhancement systems."

19. Chapter 9, 903.1.2 is added to read as follows:

903.1.2 Location of sprinkler control valves. “When automatic sprinkler systems are required within a building and the system serves more than one tenant space, the main control valves shall be located within an approved room that is accessible directly from the building exterior. The door to said room shall be not less than three (3) feet (914 mm) in

width by six (6) feet eight (8) inches (203.2 mm) in height. The door to said room shall be identified as required in section 509.1 . The size of the room shall meet the size requirements per Section 901.4.7.”

20. Chapter 9, 903.1.5 is added to read as follows:

903.1.5 System Acceptance Testing. Automatic sprinkler systems supplied by stored water, water tanks, cisterns, wells, or other alternative water supplies shall be subject to system acceptance testing. The acceptance test shall be performed using a calibrated container of known volume and shall demonstrate that the water supply can provide the flow and duration required by the approved sprinkler system design at the two most remote sprinkler head locations. Testing shall be witnessed by the fire code official when required and Test results shall be submitted to the Fire Code Official and may require additional testing where the results are inconclusive or indicate insufficient water supply. Final approval may not be granted until the required testing has been successfully completed. Chapter 9 §907.2 shall be amended by the adding the following sentence:

907.2 Where required-new buildings and structures. "An *approved fire alarm system* installed in accordance with the provisions of this code and NFPA 72 shall be provided in new buildings and structures in accordance with Sections 907.2.1 through 907.2.23 and provide occupant notification in accordance with Section 907.5 when an *automatic sprinkler system* is installed in accordance with Sections 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2.”

21. Chapter 80, §8001 is added to read as follows:

8001 NFPA Standards. “Where this code references a standard published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the most current edition of the referenced standard is shall be referenced. The most current edition of the referenced NFPA standard shall become effective on January 1st of the year following the publication and release of the standard.”

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 immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Foothills Fire Protection District, upon a motion duly made, seconded, and passed at its regular meeting held on the 18th day of August 2026 by a vote of ____ in favor, ____ opposed, and ____ abstaining.

FOOTHILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: _____
Stephanie Graf, President

ATTEST:

Rob Johnson, Secretary