



Board Agenda Background

Date: 3/17/2026
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Colton Rohloff, County Manager
From: David Danielson, Chief Building Official
Subject: Consideration of R-24-19: a Resolution for Adoption of the 2024 International Code Series to Include the Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, Energy Conservation, Fuel Gas, Existing Building, Fire, and Swimming Pool and Spa Codes, and for the Adoption of the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Effective in the Unincorporated Area of Clear Creek County

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-24-19, a Resolution for Adoption of the 2024 International Code Series to Include the Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, Energy Conservation, Fuel Gas, Existing Building, Fire, and Swimming Pool and Spa Codes, and for the Adoption of the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Effective in the Unincorporated Area of Clear Creek County.

BACKGROUND

On March 3, 2026, County staff presented proposed Building Code amendments, which included the 2024 International Code Series and the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code. The proposal set the limits of applicability of the Code and describes how the Code is to be applied and enforced.

The State of Colorado passed SB25-142, which requires all jurisdictions adopt a minimum wildfire resiliency code within nine (9) months of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board adopting a wildfire resiliency code. Because of these State requirements, the County must adopt a Wildfire Resiliency Code no later than April 1, 2026.

Staff is also recommending removal of a weakening code amendment of the International Residential Code (IRC) that currently does not require all new dwellings to be provided with an automatic sprinkler system. Under this recommendation, new dwellings would be required to install automatic sprinkler systems per IRC Code text. These systems may be designed prescriptively per section 2904 of the IRC or in accordance with National Fire Protection Agency Standard 13D.

A study of the data from the National Fire Incident Reporting System indicates these fire suppression systems are associated with an 80% reduction in fire related death and injury. These systems also control or extinguish fires in roughly 90% of incidents in which they activate.

ANALYSIS

In support of state requirements and decisions made by the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board, Building Department staff recommends adoption of the 2024 International Code Series and the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code with amendments.



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CONCLUSION:

Adoption of the proposed amendments, including the 2024 International Code Series and the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code, will ensure the County remains in compliance with state requirements, and strengthens wildfire preparedness and prevention. Data shows these updated code amendments will improve life-safety, reduce fire related deaths and injury as well as property loss.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution R-26-19
2. 2024 Redline Building Code Amendments
3. Tracked Changes to Building Code Amendments
4. Evergreen Fire Protection District Letter of Support
5. Clear Creek Fire Authority Code Adoption Letter of Support