

Clear Creek Fire Authority

Post Office Box 507
Dumont, Colorado 80436

March 9, 2026

Clear Creek Board of County Commissioners

C/O David Danielson

Re: Support for the adoption of the 2024 International Code Sets

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Clear Creek Fire Authority members and staff to express our strong support for adopting the 2024 International Fire Code (IFC), the 2024 International Residential Code (IRC), and the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC), along with their local amendments. We believe this is a crucial step in enhancing the safety and well-being of our community members, properties, and first responders.

The currently adopted 2018 IFC, while valuable, is now three code sets and seven years behind and has several limitations that must be addressed to meet modern fire and life safety challenges. We recognize that adopting the latest version of the code is the standard for safeguarding life and property from hazards associated with fires, explosions, and dangerous materials. These updated codes will provide several vital improvements to our community, including:

- The 2024 IFC provides lithium battery device use, charging, and storage. The requirement for carbon dioxide detectors has been expanded to include all occupancies, and a new chapter addressing temporary cooking and heating operations has been added.
- The 2024 IRC adoption to include residential sprinklers in all new construction will be the most significant increase in fire safety in our recent history. This will enable homes constructed in both remote and urban areas to provide greater safety for occupants and responding firefighters. Sprinklers help keep fires small and semi-contained until firefighters arrive.
- The 2025 CWRC will establish requirements for providing defensible space, along with improving the requirements for driveways and property access roads. The code requires property owners to maintain their mitigation efforts beyond the initial construction period.

The implementation of these updated international codes is a proactive and responsible measure to protect everyone in our jurisdiction. It demonstrates a commitment to preventing tragedies before they occur and to ensuring that our community remains a safe place to live and work.

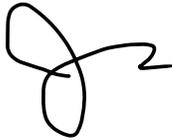
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We urge you to vote in favor of adopting the 2024 IFC, IRC, and 2025 CWRC code sets, along with their corresponding amendments. Thank you for considering this critical matter. We look forward to seeing our county's safety standards continue to improve.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line that ends in a small upward tick.

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