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THE FIRE CODE REGULATIONS OF LARAMIE COUNTY

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RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH MODIFICATIONS AS
THE FIRE CODE REGULATIONS OF LARAMIE COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, Wyo. Stat. §18-5-201 and §18-5-301 authorize Laramie County, in promoting the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the county, to regulate the subdivision, use, location, design of land and buildings in unincorporated Laramie County; and

WHEREAS, Wyo. Stat. § 35-9-121 authorizes Laramie County to adopt electrical, mechanical and building codes applicable in unincorporated Laramie County; and

WHEREAS, minimum regulations governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures is essential to ensure that property, buildings and structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use;

WHEREAS, Laramie County has been granted local enforcement authority by the Wyoming State Fire Marshall; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming adopted the 2012 edition of the International Building Codes, including the 2012 edition of the International Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, Wyo. State § 35-9-121 (a) (ii) requires county's that have been granted local enforcement to adopt new standards within six months following the adoption of new standards by the State; and

WHEREAS, the State adopted new standards on February 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Laramie County Board of County Commissioners wish to continue to act as the local authority under State Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Laramie County Commissioners find retaining a local enforcement authority is important to the health, safety and welfare to citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Laramie County Commissioners has complied with the requirements of Wyo. Stat. § 16-3-103(a) by providing an opportunity for public comment and a public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, as follows:

Section 1. Short Title. The Regulations adopted by this resolution shall be known as the "Fire Code Regulations of Laramie County".

Section 2. International Fire Code Adopted. The Board of County Commissioners for Laramie County, Wyoming adopts, for the purpose of prescribing regulations that provide a

reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in buildings, structures and premises and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations and providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore, the International Fire Code, 2012 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., and including Appendices “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, and “G” and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are herein deleted, added, modified, or amended. A copy of the code has been filed in the office of the County Clerk, and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and from the date of adoption. These provisions shall be controlling within the unincorporated areas of the County.

Section 3. Amendments, Additions, and Deletions. The following sections of the International Fire Code, 2012 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., and including Appendices “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, and “G” and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are herein deleted, added, modified, or amended to as follows:

A. **Section 101.1 Title** shall read as follows:

These provisions shall be known as the Fire Code Regulations of Laramie County, and shall be cited as such and will be referred to herein as “this code.”

B. **Section 101.3 Intent** is amended to read as follows:

The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new buildings, structures and premises and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

C. **Section 103.1 Creation of Enforcement agency** shall read as follows:

The department of fire prevention for purposes of these Fire Code Regulations shall be the Laramie County Planning and Development Department. The official in charge thereof shall be known as the chief building official. For the purposes of this Code the Fire Official shall be the Chief Building Official.

D. **Section 103.2 Appointment** is deleted.

E. **Section 104.6. Official Records** is deleted in its entirety.

F. **Section 105.1.2 Types of Permits** is amended to read as follows:

There shall be one type of permit for Laramie County.

Construction Permit: a construction permit is to allow the applicant to install or modify systems and equipment for which a permit is required by Section 105.7.

G. **Section 105.6 Required operational permits** is deleted in its entirety.

H. **Section 108.1 Board of appeals established** shall read as follows:

The Board of Appeals for purposes of these fire regulations shall be the board of appeals created by the Laramie County Commissioners. A final decision by the board of appeals shall be final for purposes of the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act.

I. **Section 109.4 Violation penalties** shall read as follows:

Any person violating any provision of these regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Each and every day or portion thereof during which a violation of any provision of such regulations is committed, continued or permitted shall constitute a separate offense. Upon conviction, such person may be punished by a fine of not more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for each offense. (Wyo. Stat. §§ 18-5-201 through 18-5-207).

J. **Section 111.4 Failure to comply** is amended to read as follows:

Unlawful continuance. 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 penalties as prescribed by law.

K. **Section 113.2 Schedule of permit fees** is deleted and amended to read as follows:

1. The schedule of fees are those fees published and adopted by the Laramie County Board of Commissioners each July 1.
2. The building official may authorize refunding of any fee paid hereunder which was erroneously paid or collected. The building official may authorize refunding of not more than 80% of the permit fee paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code. The building official may authorize refunding of not more than 80% of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan reviewing has been done. The

building official shall not authorize refunding of any fee paid except on written application filed by the original permittee not later than 180 days after the date of fee payment.

3. A reinspection fee may be assessed for each inspection or reinspection when such portion of the work for which inspection is called is not complete or when corrections called for are not made. This section is not to be interpreted as requiring reinspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of this code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspections before the job is ready for such inspection or reinspection. Reinspection fees may be assessed when the inspection record card is not posted or otherwise available on the work site, the approved plans are not readily available to the inspector, for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection is requested, or for deviating from plans requiring the approval of the building official. To obtain a reinspection, the applicant shall file an application therefore in writing on a form furnished for that purpose and pay the reinspection fee in accordance with Exhibit A, Laramie County Building Permit Fees. In instances where reinspection fees have been assessed, no additional inspection of the work will be performed until the required fees have been paid.

L. **Section 903.2.8. Group R** is deleted and amended to read as follows:

An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.2.8 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area. Exception: Three or less dwelling units in a structure need not be provided with an automatic sprinkler system when all the following provisions are met:

1. Each dwelling unit has its primary exit directly to the exterior of the structure.
2. Each structure does not exceed 2 stories (levels) in height.
3. Each structure is provided with a fire wall complying with Section 705 that separates not more than 2 dwelling units.

M. **Chapter 46 Exceptions** is created to read as follows:

Section 4601. These Regulations shall not apply to any of the following:

1. Agricultural structures as defined by the International Building Code
2. Mines and their appurtenant facilities, oil field operations, petroleum refineries and liquefied petroleum gas facilities;

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3. Railway shops, railway buildings (except those used for public assembly, cafeterias, dormitories, etc), rolling stock and locomotive equipment;
4. Automotive equipment employed by a railway, gas, electric or communication utility in the exercise of its function as a public utility;

Section 5. Repealer.

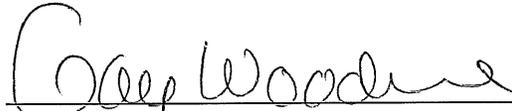
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 6. Effective Date.

These Fire Code Regulations of Laramie County shall become effective on the date this Resolution is approved.

PRESENTED, READ, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ^{4th} day of ^{December}, 2012.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

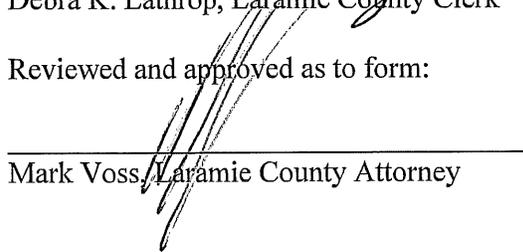


Gay Woodhouse, Chairman

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Debra K. Lathrop, Laramie County Clerk

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