

SUMMARY: An ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 60 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to update the adopted editions of the International Fire Code and International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHOE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 60 (FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION) TO UPDATE THE ADOPTED EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ("IFC") AND INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE ("IWUI") FROM THE 2018 EDITIONS TO THE 2024 EDITIONS, WITH MODIFICATIONS TO MAKE THEM APPLICABLE TO CONDITIONS WITHIN WASHOE COUNTY; AND TO REMOVE THE ADOPTED PERMIT AND SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE FROM THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE AND PROVIDE FOR ITS ADOPTION BY RESOLUTION; AND ALL MATTERS NECESSARILY CONNECTED THEREWITH AND PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS:

- A. This Commission desires to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 60 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to update the adopted editions of the International Fire Code and International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and as otherwise set forth in this ordinance; and
- B. The amendments and this ordinance were drafted in concert with the District Attorney's Office; and
- C. Following a first reading and publication as required by NRS 244.100(1), and after a duly noticed public hearing, this Commission desires to adopt this Ordinance.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Section 60.100.010 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

60.100.010 Short title; applicability.

~~1. Part One of t~~This chapter is adopted pursuant to Washoe County Charter Chapter 60, subsection 100, and shall be known as the

~~"Truckee Meadows Fire Code"~~ and may be cited as such. **This chapter applies to all area within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. This chapter also applies to all area within the jurisdictional boundaries of Washoe County's fire prevention and protection responsibilities, i.e., unincorporated Washoe County outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of another authority having jurisdiction over fire prevention and protection.**

2. Where the designation "International Fire Code" or the abbreviation of "IFC" appears in this chapter, it shall be construed as referring to the International Fire Code as adopted in and amended by this chapter.

~~2. Part Two of this chapter is adopted pursuant to Washoe County Charter Chapter 60, subsection 100, and shall be known as the "Truckee Meadows Wildland-Urban Interface Code" and may be cited as such. Where the designation "International Wildland-Urban Interface Code" or the abbreviation of "IWUI" appears in this chapter, it shall be construed as referring to the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code as adopted in and amended by this chapter.~~

SECTION 2. Section 60.100.020 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

60.100.020 Adoption.

The following recognized codes, copies of which are on file in the office of the county clerk, are hereby adopted by **the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and** Washoe County, together with the supplements, listed changes, additions and deletions as noted, all of which are incorporated herein by this reference:

1. International Fire Code ("IFC"), ~~2018~~**2024** Edition and Appendices B, C, D, **E**, F, H, **I** and L, as amended herein.
2. International Wildland-Urban Interface Code ("IWUIC"), ~~2018~~**2024** Edition, chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and Appendices A and B as amended herein.

~~Amendments to IFC and the IWUIC.~~The IFC and IWUIC are hereby amended and changed according to the amendments set forth in this Chapter 60, including without limitation the ~~2018~~**2024** Northern Nevada Fire Code Amendments as amended by the participating agencies with the support of the Northern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council, attached hereto as

Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. ~~These shall be hereafter referred to as the Truckee Meadows Fire Code as depicted as Chapter 60, Washoe County Code.~~

SECTION 3. Section 60.100.040 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

60.100.040 Citations.

The fire code official of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District or his/her designees may prepare, sign and serve written citations on persons accused of violating any provision of this ~~title~~ **chapter or the codes or standards adopted herein.** Any designated employee issuing a citation pursuant to this section shall comply with the provisions of NRS 171.17751.

SECTION 4. Section 60.100.050 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

60.100.050 Penalties.

1. Any person who violates any of the provisions of ~~the code or standards adopted by this chapter~~ **or the codes or standards adopted herein**, or who fails to comply therewith, or who violates or fails to comply with any order made thereunder, or who builds in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, or who fails to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the fire code official, fire chief, **Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners**, Washoe County Commission, or state fire marshal, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the required time, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance, respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six months or by both fine and imprisonment.
2. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each day that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.
23. The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

SECTION 5. Section 60.100.060 of the Washoe County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

60.100.060 Permit and service fees; purpose; definitions; applicability and general provisions; fees for certain permits; hazardous materials range fees; and fees for other services.

~~TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PERMIT AND SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE~~

~~Chapter I~~

~~Purpose~~

**The Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners and the Washoe County Commission, as applicable, are hereby authorized to adopt by resolution a permit and service fee schedule.** ~~The Permit and Service Fee Schedule is to~~ **shall** establish fees for permits and the associated inspections required in the ~~2018~~**2024** editions of the International Fire Code (IFC) and the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUI) as adopted ~~by the Washoe County Commission~~**herein**, and to establish fees for services performed by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

- 1. Purpose.** The permit and service fees are intended to offset costs of regulating conditions hazardous to life or property as specified in the codes ~~noted~~ **adopted** herein.
- 2. Definitions.** All terms not defined in ~~this~~ **the permit and service fee** ~~S~~schedule have the meanings set forth in the IFC and IWUI, as adopted ~~by the County~~ **herein**.
- 3. Applicability and General Provisions.**
  - (a)** The fees outlined in ~~this~~ **permit and service fee** schedule are to be applied independently of each other.
  - (b)** Failure to pay fees within the time period specified on the Permit Application, Work Order or Invoice from the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District shall be sufficient grounds to withhold a permit, inspection or to void a permit previously issued.
  - (c)** Federal, state and local governmental entities are exempt from the payment of permit and plan check fees. Nonprofit organizations are not exempt from the payment of fees.
  - (d)** Where any person conducts an activity or use not specifically mentioned or identified **in the IFC or IWUI, as adopted herein, or in the permit and service fee schedule,**

the Fire Code Official shall have the power to require a permit for such activity or use and to classify the activity or use into the permit category it most closely resembles. The determination of permit fees for such activity or use shall be at the sole discretion of the Fire Code Official. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any activity or use specifically covered in any other title of ~~this~~ **the Washoe County eCode**.

~~4. Chapter II. Permits required for Construction, Plan review, and Associated Inspection Fees~~

Permits required **for construction** by the ~~2018~~**2024** edition of the International Fire Code as ~~amended by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District~~ **adopted herein, and related plan review and inspection(s)** shall have associated fees as provided in ~~Exhibit B~~ **the permit and service fee schedule**.

~~5. Chapter III. Annual and Temporary Operational Permits, Business License and Associated Inspection Fees~~

Permits required **for annual and temporary operation, business licensing, and associated inspections** by the ~~2018~~ **2024** edition of the International Fire Code as ~~amended by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District~~ **adopted herein** shall have associated fees as specified in ~~Exhibit B~~ **the permit and service fee schedule**.

~~6. Chapter IV. Hazardous Materials Range Fees.~~ Facilities storing or using large quantities of hazardous materials are to have their permit fees augmented by the ~~following~~ range table **found in the permit and service fee schedule**. The range is based on maximum quantities that are stored and/or used at any given time, rounded to the nearest unit of measurement for the substance (gallons for liquids, pounds for solids and cubic feet at NTP for gases). The fees specified in the range table ~~of Exhibit B~~ are in addition to the permit category fees above. Range fees for liquids, solids, and gases are to be independent of each other.

~~7. Chapter V. Fees for Other Services.~~ Other services provided by the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District are subject to the fees set forth in ~~Exhibit B~~ **the permit and service fee schedule**.

SECTION 6. General Terms.

1. All actions, proceedings, matters, and things heretofore taken, had and done by the County and its officers not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are ratified and approved.

2. The Chair of the Board and officers of the County are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance. The District Attorney is authorized to make non-substantive edits and corrections to this Ordinance.
3. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any ordinance, resolution, bylaw or order, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.
4. Each term and provision of this Ordinance shall be valid and shall be enforced to the extent permitted by law. If any term or provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof shall be deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of law or public policy, then it shall be deemed modified, ipso facto, to bring it within the limits of validity or enforceability, but if it cannot be so modified, then the offending provision or term shall be excised from this Ordinance. In any event, the remainder of this Ordinance, or the application of such term or provision to circumstances other than those to which it is invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected.

[Business Impact Note: The Board of County Commissioners hereby finds that this ordinance does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.]

Proposed on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Proposed by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_.

Passed on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

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Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after  
January 1, 2026.

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