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**BOULDER COUNTY FIRE CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE
DOCKET #FCRC-21-0002
PUBLIC HEARING
LYONS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CODE
(2015 IFC)
Tuesday, June 08, 2021 at 2:00 PM
Boulder County Community Planning & Permitting
ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING**
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Staff: Ron Flax, Chief Building Official, Secretary to the Fire Code Review Committee

The Lyons Fire Protection District protects approximately 6200 citizens living in an area of 66 square miles. The district includes approximately 40 square miles in northern Boulder County and 26 square miles in southern Larimer County. In addition to the Town of Lyons, the district includes multiple surrounding neighborhoods of unincorporated Boulder and Larimer counties. These neighborhoods include Lyons Park Estates, Apple Valley Road, Longmont Dam Road, Spring Gulch, Blue Mountain, X-Bar 7 Ranch, Steamboat Valley Road, Eagle Ridge, Stone Canyon, Dakota Ridge Road, as well as the land several miles up both the North St. Vrain and South St Vrain Rivers, along Highway 7 and Highway 36.

Map #1 (attached) represents the approximate boundaries of the district.

Staff has the following comments on the proposed fire code adoption:

2015 Edition. Adopting the latest edition of the Fire Code is strongly encouraged. While the 2015 edition is not the latest version available, this adoption does represent a significant update for the district and will greatly strengthen alignments between the Lyons FPD the surrounding fire districts as well as improving alignments between the district and Unincorporated Boulder County.

Appendices. Appendix G - Cryogenic Fluids – Weight and Volume Equivalents of the 2015 IFC include the statement, “This appendix is for information purposes and is not intended for adoption.” While it is not clear if there is any specific harm caused by adopting an appendix in this manner, it is not recommended.

Most of the proposed 2015 IFC adoption accepts the IFC as published by the International Code Council. There are significant local amendments which introduce requirements that regulate safety during alcoholic beverage production as well as the cultivation and processing of cannabis. These topics are not comprehensively addressed in the nationally published code. The text for these sections appears to be largely adapted from the City and County of Denver's Fire Code and is intended to address rapidly growing industries. There is clear evidence that we are experiencing local growth in these industries at a rate that is considerably faster than most of the country, and these codes are proactive with regard to these potential hazards.

Other proposed amendments appear to be largely clarifying administrative provisions and are consistent with past Fire Code Adoptions and regional Fire District requirements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Fire Code Review Committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the proposed Lyons Fire Protection District Fire Code be ACCEPTED for administration by the district in those portions of unincorporated Boulder County that lie within the boundaries of the fire protection district, with the stipulations as noted in the staff recommendation.

Attachments: Lyons FPD Fire Code Adopting Resolution 2019-003
Map of Lyons FDP Tax district.