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Building Safety & Inspection Services

**BOULDER COUNTY FIRE CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE
DOCKET #FCRC-22-0002
PUBLIC HEARING
NEDERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CODE
(2018 IFC)**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 3:00 PM
Boulder County Community Planning & Permitting
ONLINE VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING**

<https://www.bouldercounty.org/property-and-land/land-use/building/fire-code-review-committee/>

Staff: Ron Flax, Chief Building Official, Secretary to the Fire Code Review Committee

The Nederland Fire Protection District (“FPD”) lies generally in the mountainous area of Boulder County surrounding and to the West of the Town of Nederland. The district is bounded on the North by the Indian Peaks Fire Protection District, to the North-East by Sugarloaf Fire Protection District, Timberline Fire Protection District to the East and South-East, as well as Gilpin County to the South.

The district’s board of directors has adopted the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), including the following appendices: B, C, and D.

Overall, this adoption resolution is largely similar to the adoption resolutions of previous editions of the IFC.

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

1. **2018 Edition.** Adopting the latest edition of the Fire Code is encouraged. In this instance, the Berthoud FPD is ahead of Boulder County as Boulder County has not yet adopted the 2018 version of the I-Codes. While will not be adopting the 2018 version of the I-Codes, Boulder County does intend to pursue the adoption of the 2021 Codes and anticipates that this process will begin during 2022.
2. On the bottom of page 1, section 1.1 ends with a semicolon. Staff believes that this was intended to be a period.
3. On page 2, section 1.2, it references the 2015 IFC. Staff believes that this was intended to reference the 2018 IFC.
4. On page 2 under definitions, it references the Boulder County Electrical Code. Boulder County does not adopt its own Electric Code but instead follows the electrical code adopted by the State of Colorado (currently the 2020 NEC). Staff

suggests that this section be edited to read "... as adopted, and amended by the State of Colorado."

5. On page 6, section 503.2.9, the text refers to the Boulder County Transportation Dept. Since Boulder County did an internal re-organization in 2020, there is no longer a Transportation Dept. Staff suggests instead referring to it as the "Boulder County Multimodal Transportation Standards".
6. On page 7, the text references some sections of 903 of the Boulder County Building Code. Staff suggests adding a clarifying comment that indicates that this section is referencing section 903 of the IBC as adopted by the Boulder County Building Code".

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Fire Code Review Committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the proposed Nederland 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: Nederland FPD Fire Code Adopting Resolution
Map of Nederland FDP Tax district.