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BOULDER COUNTY FIRE CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE

DOCKET #FCRC-24-0001

PUBLIC HEARING

BOULDER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CODE (2021 IFC)

October 15, 2024

Elks Porch Conference Room / 2nd Floor Courthouse Annex, 2045 13th Street, Boulder, Co 80302

Staff: Ron Flax, Deputy Director of Community Planning and Permitting / Chief Building Official, Secretary to the Fire Code Review Committee

The Boulder Rural Fire Protection District lies in the area of the county surrounding the City of Boulder, with portions of the district extending immediately to the west, north, northeast and east of the city limits. The district boundaries are adjacent to many other districts or departments, including the City of Boulder, Rocky Mountain Fire, Fourmile Canyon, Sunshine, Pine Brook Hills, Boulder Heights, Left Hand, Hygiene and Mountain View.

The district's board of directors has adopted the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), including the following appendices: Appendix A, Board of Appeals; Appendix B, Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings; Appendix C, Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution; Appendix D, Fire Apparatus Access Roads; Appendix F, Hazard Categories; Appendix I, Fire Protection Systems – Noncompliant Conditions.

Staff comments on the proposed fire code adoption:

- 2021 Edition.** Adopting the latest edition of the Fire Code is strongly encouraged, and this will correlate well with the county's anticipated adoption of the 2021 International Codes.
- Editorial Comments:** This adoption does not appear to create any conflicts with the Boulder County Adopted Codes and is generally in alignment with prior code adoptions by the Fire District as well as the adoptions of surrounding communities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Fire Code Review Committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the proposed Boulder Rural FPD 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.

Attachments: Boulder Rural FPD Fire Code Adopting Resolution dated June 26th, 2024
Map of Boulder Rural FDP Tax district.

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