



Resolution 2026 - 01

A Resolution Adopting and Amending the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code and Appendices

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2025, the Wildfire Resiliency Code Board created in Colorado Revised Statutes 24-33.5-1236(2), within the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the Colorado Department of Public Safety, adopted the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (“CWRC”) at 8 Code of Regulations Colorado 1507-39(3); and

WHEREAS, The CWRC establishes minimum regulations to safeguard life and property from intrusion of fire from wildland fire exposures and fire exposures from adjacent structures and to provide adequate fire protection facilities to control the spread of fire in wildland-urban interface areas; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes Section 24-33.5-1237(2)(a), as amended by Colorado Senate Bill 25-142, requires any governing body with jurisdiction in an area within the wildland-urban interface that has authority to adopt fire codes to adopt a code that meets or exceeds the minimum standards set forth in the CWRC within nine months of its adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Nederland Fire Protection District has jurisdiction in an area within the wildland-urban interface and has authority to adopt fire codes; therefore, the District is required to adopt a code meeting or exceeding the standards set forth in the CWRC; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the District and its residents that the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code be adopted, with local amendments as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEDERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

1 Adoption of the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

1.1 Code Adopted

The 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code is adopted in the form including the sections as amended herein, including all appendices.

1.2 Code Described

The 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code, as published by the Division of Fire Prevention and Control in the Colorado Department of Public Safety on June 1, 2025.

1.3 Copies on File

At least one copy of the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code and adopted amendments shall be kept on file in the office of the Nederland Fire Protection District, 650 West 4th Street, Nederland, Colorado 80466, and may be inspected during regular business hours.

1.4 Purpose

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

2 Amendments

(1) **Section 101.1 Title** is amended to read as follows:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code as adopted by the Nederland Fire Protection District, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

(2) **Section 102.10 Work exempt from this code** is amended to read as follows:

102.10 Work exempt from permit under this code. Exemptions from code requirements shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of the jurisdiction. Compliance with this code shall not be required for the following:

1. Interior alterations of existing structures.
2. Additions that do not increase the footprint of a structure by more than 200 square feet.

3. The reconstruction, replacement, alteration, or repair of the exterior walls of an existing building, when less than 25 percent of the surface area of all exterior walls is affected.
4. The reconstruction, replacement, alteration, or repair of the exterior roof covering of an existing building, when less than 25 percent of the surface area of the exterior roof covering or an attachment thereto is affected.
5. Alterations or repairs to the exterior of an existing structure, or an attachment to it, when less than twenty-five percent of the exterior of the structure is affected by the alteration or repair.
6. Painting, staining and similar maintenance or restorative work.
7. One-story detached accessory, nonhabitable structures, such as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided that the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet and the structure is located greater than or equal to 50 feet from the nearest adjacent occupiable structure.
8. Accessory structures and buildings of an accessory character classified as Utility and Miscellaneous Group U (including Agricultural Structures) not exceeding 200 square feet in floor area and located not less than 50 feet from a structure containing occupiable or habitable space.
9. Fences located more than 8 feet from a habitable structure.

- (3) **SECTION 103 – CODE COMPLIANCE AGENCY** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

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103.1 Entity charged with code administration. The entity charged with code administration shall be as determined in accordance with Section 103 of the adopted *International Fire Code*.

- (4) **Section 106.1 General** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

106.1 Fees. All items relating to fees shall be as specified in Section 108 of the adopted *International Fire Code*, and in accordance with the adopted NFPD Fee Schedule.

- (5) **Section 301.1 Scope** is amended to read as follows:

301.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter provide methodology to establish and record wildfire hazard based on the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency State Code Map (CWRC Map), developed and amended from time to time by the Division of Fire Prevention and Control within the Colorado Department of Public Safety and the Colorado State Forest Service at the direction of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board, to be regulated by this code.

- (6) **Section 302.1 Declaration** is amended to read as follows:

302.1 Declaration. The Nederland Fire Protection District acknowledges, with the history of and potential for large, destructive wildland fires, the entirety of the District is deemed a *wildland-urban interface* and is designated to meet both Class 1 and Class 2 requirements as set forth in this code.

(7) **Section 401.1 Scope** is amended to read as follows:

401.1 Scope. Exterior design and construction of new buildings and structures within the wildland-urban interface areas of Colorado shall be constructed in accordance with this chapter.

Exceptions:

1. Buildings of an accessory character classified as Group U occupancy (including agricultural buildings) of not exceeding 200 square feet, no less than 50 feet from a structure containing occupiable or habitable space.
2. One-story detached accessory, nonhabitable structures, such as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided that the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet and the structure is located greater than or equal to 50 feet from the nearest adjacent occupiable structure.
3. The reconstruction, replacement, alteration, or repair of the exterior walls of an existing building, when less than 25 percent of the surface area of all exterior walls is affected.
4. The reconstruction, replacement, alteration, or repair of the exterior roof covering of an existing building, when less than 25 percent of the surface area of the exterior roof covering or an attachment thereto is affected.
5. Alterations or repairs to the exterior of an existing structure, or an attachment to it, when less than twenty-five percent of the exterior of the structure is affected by the alteration or repair.
6. Additions that do not increase the footprint of a structure by more than 200 square feet.

(8) **Section 404.7 Exterior Glazing** is amended to read as follows:

404.7 Exterior Glazing. Exterior windows, window walls and glazed doors, windows within exterior doors, and skylights shall be tempered glass, multilayered glazed panels, glass block or have a fire protection rating of not less than 20 minutes. Windows with unreinforced vinyl frames or sashes are not permitted.

(9) **C101.3.7 Violation penalties** is amended to read as follows:

C101.3.7 Violation penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters or repairs a building or structure in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under

the provisions of this code, commits a civil infraction and is subject to the provisions contained in Section 113.4 of the adopted *International Fire Code*. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Approved _____, 2026 by the Board of Directors of the Nederland Fire Protection District.

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