



LARAMIE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning • Building

MEMORANDUM

TO: Laramie County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Justin Arnold, Planning Program Manager

DATE: October 17, 2023

TITLE: **NOTICE OF INTENT:** Amendment to **2021 IRC section R316.5.10 Interior Finish**. Residential detached accessory buildings are exempt from meeting the requirements of **R316.6**. as it relates to closed cell spray foam insulation.

On August 25, the Laramie County Chief Building Official visited the Laramie County Fire Authority (LCFA) facility to test the viability of exempting compliance with National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) 286 for residential accessory structures. This code requirement stipulates that all spray foam insulation be coated with a fire barrier. Staff built three pre-constructed wall sections, one with no spray foam insulation, one with and one with insulation and the currently required thermal barrier. Based upon those test results, it was determined that both Building and Fire officials believe it safe to exempt accessory structures only from the NFPA 286

Due to this finding, Laramie County is providing statutorily required Notice of Intent for the following:

Amendment to **2021 IRC section R316.5.10 Interior Finish**. Residential detached accessory buildings are exempt from meeting the requirements of **R316.6**. as it relates to closed cell spray foam insulation.

RESOLUTION # _____

**RESOLUTION GIVING PUBLIC NOTICE OF
LARAMIE COUNTY'S INTENT TO AMEND THE
2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, SECTION R316.5.10.**

WHEREAS, Wyoming State Statutes § 16-3-103; §18-5-201 to 18-5-208; §18-5-301 to 18-5-315 authorize Laramie County, in promoting the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the county, to regulate the use of land through zoning in unincorporated Laramie County; and

WHEREAS, WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-9-121, requires for counties that have been granted local enforcement authority, that failure to adopt within six months following the adoption of new standards by the State Fire Marshall, will result in reversion of local enforcement authority to the State Fire Marshall's Office; and

WHEREAS, Laramie County desired to retain local control of enforcement in the issuance of building permits within unincorporated Laramie County and adopted the 2021 International Residential Code on December 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, WYO. STAT. ANN. § 16-3-103 (2017), requires 45 days public notice and a reasonable opportunity for public comment before Laramie County may adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, that notice is hereby given to the public that Laramie County intends to amend the 2021 Edition of the International Residential Code Section R316.5.10 Interior Finish. "*Residential detached accessory buildings are exempt from meeting the requirements of R316.6 when it comes to closed cell spray foam insulation*". All interested persons may submit written comments to the Laramie County Clerk, 309 West 20th Street, P.O. Box 608, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, no later than 12:00 p.m. on November 20, 2023; that there shall be a regularly scheduled Laramie County Planning Commissioner's meeting on November 9, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. and a regularly scheduled Laramie County Commissioner's meeting on December 5, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Laramie County Commissioners meeting room on the third floor of the Historic County Courthouse, 310 West 19th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming; and that this notice shall be published once in the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle as soon as practicably possible.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2023.

LARAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Troy Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debra K. Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form:



Laramie County Attorney's Office