



LARAMIE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Laramie County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dan Peters, Chief Building Official

DATE: October 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Rulemaking Notice for 2021 Building Code Adoption

Executive Summary

Laramie County has been the issuing authority for building permits since the County adopted the International Building Codes in 2003. From 2003 to 2008, the County contracted with the City of Cheyenne to provide permitting and inspection services. In 2008, the County initiated its own Building Division and began issuing and managing all building permit within the unincorporated boundary of the County. The State of Wyoming, under State Statute § 35-9-121, has delegated authority to Laramie County to “enforce and interpret local or state fire, building, existing building standards or electrical safety standards which meet the requirements” of § 35-9-121.

Wyoming Statute § 35-9-121(a)(ii) requires that municipalities or counties that have been granted local enforcement authority shall within six (6) months following adoption of new codes by the State of Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety shall adopt or maintain standards by ordinance or resolution that at least meet the statewide standard.

Laramie County desires to continue to act as the issuing local authority and as such intends to adopt the 2021 editions of the International Building Codes in accordance with State Statutes.

Adoption of any regulation must occur under the rule making requirements of Wyoming State Statute § 16-3-103. A 45 day notice period and opportunity for public input is required prior to any adoption of rules. As such, staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution to provide notice of intent to adopt the 2021 International Building Code, the 2021 Residential Code, the 2021 Fuel Gas Code, the 2021 International Fire Code, the 2021 International Plumbing Code, the 2021 International Mechanical Code and the 2021 International Existing Building Code.

Proposed Motion

I move to approve resolutions to provide the notice of intent, as required under Wyoming State Statute § 16-3-103, to adopt the 2021 International Building Code, the 2021 International Residential Code, the 2021 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2021 International Fire Code, the 2021 International Plumbing Code, the 2021 International Mechanical Code and the 2021 International Existing Building Code and set a public hearing date of December 7, 2021 to consider adoption of said codes.

RESOLUTION # _____

RESOLUTION GIVING PUBLIC NOTICE OF LARAMIE COUNTY'S INTENT TO ADOPT THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL BUILDING CODES

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. § 16-3-103 (2007), 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 adopt the 2021 International Code Council Building Codes, which include the 2021 International Building Code, the 2021 International Residential Code, the 2021 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2021 International Fire Code, the 2021 International Plumbing Code, the 2021 International Mechanical Code, and the 2021 International Existing Building Code, and that copies of the proposed Codes may be reviewed at the Planning and Development Office, 3966 Archer Parkway, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; that 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 19, 2021; a regularly scheduled Laramie County Commissioner's meeting on December 7, 2021, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Laramie County Commissioners Boardroom on the 3rd floor of the Historic County Courthouse, 310 West 19th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001; and, that this notice shall be published once in the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle as soon as practicably possible.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this 5th day of October, 2021.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Gunnar Malm, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debra K. Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form:

Laramie County Attorney Office