



## LARAMIE COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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### Planning • Building

**TO:** Laramie County Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Justin Arnold, Planning Program Manager

**DATE:** December 5 2023

**TITLE:** Repeal of adoption of the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code

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### 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 Laramie County initiated its own Building Division and began issuing and managing all building permits within the unincorporated boundaries of Laramie 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 and electrical safety standards which meet the requirements" of § 35-9-121.

The State of Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety adopted the updated 2021 editions of the International Building Codes on July 1, 2021. Wyoming Statute § 35-9-121(a)(ii) requires that municipalities or counties that have been granted local enforcement authority by the State of Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety shall within six (6) months adopt or maintain standards by ordinance or resolution that at least meet the adopted statewide standards. At this time, the Laramie County Building Department desires to defer enforcement of the 2021 International Fire Code to the State of Wyoming Department of Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety.

Adoption, amendment, or repeal 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. On October 17, 2023, Resolution #23-1003-32 giving public notice of Laramie County's intent to repeal the adoption of the 2021 International Fire Code was approved, effective January 1, 2024. On November 9, 2023, the Laramie County Planning Commission voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

### Proposed Motion

I move to repeal the adoption of the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code, effective January 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION REPEALING THE ADOPTION OF THE  
2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**

**WHEREAS**, Wyo. Stat. §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. §35-9-121 authorizes Laramie County to adopt electrical, mechanical and building codes applicable in unincorporated Laramie County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wyo. Stat. §35-9-121(a)(ii) requires counties where local enforcement has been granted to adopt new standards within six months of the adoption by the State of Wyoming; and,

**WHEREAS**, minimum regulations governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures is essential to ensure that property, buildings and structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Laramie County Board of Commissioners has complied with requirements of WYO. STAT. § 16-3-103(a) by providing an opportunity for public comments and a public hearing.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING**, as follows:

Section 1. Short Title. The amendments adopted by this resolution shall be known as the "2023 Repealing of the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code Amendment".

Section 2. Repealer. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 3. Effective Date. These 2023 Amendments to the Electrical Code Regulations of Laramie County shall become effective on the date this Resolution is approved.

**PRESENTED, READ, PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

LARAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Troy Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Debra K. Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form:

  
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Mark Voss, Laramie County Attorney