

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

ORDINANCE

NO. 2013-013

ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, 16, and 20 OF THE KITTITAS COUNTY CODE, MODIFY THE MAPPED BOUNDARIES OF THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE DESIGNATIONS IN KITTITAS COUNTY AND ADOPT THE WUI DESIGNATION MAP

WHEREAS: The Wildland Urban Interface Code was adopted in 2006 and applied to areas outside of fire districts; and

WHEREAS: Fuel reduction at the interface between natural lands and developments can reduce the intensity of the fires before they enter populated areas within the urban wild-land interface; and

WHEREAS: The Board finds that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, it is necessary to adopt certain fire safety requirements;

WHEREAS: The Fire Marshal has determined that the Wildland Urban Interface Code mitigates damage and risk to life and property and reduces the risk of forest fires due to structure fires in hazard areas (and vice versa), and further determined that in order to protect our citizens, their properties and the wildland, that the Wildland Urban Interface should be applied throughout the county; and

WHEREAS: Amendments to Titles 14 and 16 shall direct citizens and staff to Title 20 for further local amendments to the Wildland Urban Interface Code that are specific to Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS: Amendments to Title 20 include amendments to the Wildland Urban Interface Code that are specific to Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS: The Board received recommendations from the Fire Marshal to apply the Wildland Urban Interface in conjunction with the County Wildfire Protection Plan and associated risks identified; and

WHEREAS: The Board held a public hearing regarding amending Titles 14, 16 and 20 regarding the Wildland Urban Interface amendments and the associated map;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED That the Board of County Commissioners after due deliberation and in the best interest of the public, does hereby amend Kittitas County Code Titles 14, 16 and 20 as follows:

14.04.010(8) The International Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUI Code), most current edition, as published by the International Code Council; with the following adopted appendices and amendments:

- a. Appendix B: Vegetation Management Plan*
- b. Amendments to the Wildland Urban Interface code specific to Kittitas County shall be located in KCC Title 20.*

16.04.010 Applicability.

- A. Every division and boundary line adjustment within the unincorporated area of Kittitas County shall proceed in compliance with this title and Kittitas County Code.*

- B. Every division and boundary line adjustment within the unincorporated area of Kittitas County shall proceed in compliance with KCC Title 12 Road Standards, KCC Title 20.10 Wildland Urban Interface Code as published by the International Code Council; with the adopted appendices and amendments as listed in KCC Title 20.10, and the International Fire Code.

Title 20: Fire and Life Safety Code

Chapter 20.10 Wildland Urban Interface Code

Kittitas County hereby adopts the following code for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for all areas designated as Wildland Urban Interface areas within Kittitas County.

1. The International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC) the most current adopted edition, as published by the International Code Council; with the following adopted appendices and amendments:

- a. Appendices

- i. Appendix B: Vegetation Management Plan

- b. Amendments

1. The following amendments shall be made:

Section 302.1 Wildland Urban Interface Area Declaration of Designations. All unincorporated areas within Kittitas County are designated as Wildland Urban Interface areas and shall be identified per the most current edition of the WUI map.

Section 403.2.1 Dimensions. Not adopted. See KCC Code Titles 12 and 20.

Section 403.2.2 Length. Not adopted. See KCC Code Titles 12 and 20.

Section 403.2.3 Service Limitations. Not adopted. See KCC Title 12.

403.4.1 Sign Construction. All road identification signs shall meet Kittitas County Road Standards and Public Works requirements.

Section 404.2 Water sources. The distance from proposed structures or property lines at which a water source is available for use shall be approved by the fire code official.

Water sources shall comply with the following:

1. Man-made water sources shall have a minimum usable water volume as determined by the adequate water supply needs in accordance with the Kittitas County Code Amendment to Section 404.5. This water source shall be equipped with an approved hydrant. The water level of the water source shall be maintained at all times. The design, construction, location, water level maintenance, access and access maintenance of man-made water sources shall be approved by the fire code official.

Section 404.3 Draft Sites. Not adopted

501.1 Scope. Buildings and structures shall be constructed in accordance with the International Building and Residential Codes, as well as this code.

Exceptions:

1. Accessory structures not exceeding 200 square feet in floor area when located at least 50 feet from buildings containing habitable spaces. Commercial structures of any size shall be required to be permitted.
2. Agricultural buildings at least 50 feet from buildings containing habitable spaces.

Table 503.1 Ignition Resistant Construction^a

FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY						
	Moderate Hazard		High Hazard		Extreme Hazard	
	Water Supply (b)		Water Supply (b)		Water Supply (b)	
Defensible Space (c)	Conforming (d)	Nonconforming (e)	Conforming (d)	Nonconforming (e)	Conforming (d)	Nonconforming (e)
Nonconforming	IR2	IR1	IR1	IR1 N.C.	IR1 N.C.	NOT PERMITTED
Conforming	IR3	IR2	IR2	IR1	IR1	IR1 N.C.
1.5x Conforming	IR3	IR3	IR3	IR2	IR2	IR1
2.5x Conforming	IR3	IR3	IR3	IR2	IR2	IR2

- A. Access shall be provided in accordance with section 402.
- B. Subdivisions shall have a conforming water supply in accordance with Section 402.1.
- IR1=Ignitions-resistant construction in accordance with Section 504.
 - IR2=Ignition-resistant construction in accordance with Section 505.
 - IR3=Ignition-resistant construction in accordance with Section 506.
 - N.C=Exterior walls shall have a fire-resistance rating of not less than 1-hour and the exterior surfaces of such walls shall be noncombustible. Usage of log wall construction is allowed.
- C. Conformance based on Section 603.
- D. Conformance based on Section 404.
- E. A nonconforming water supply is any water system or source that does not comply with Section 404, including situations where there is no water supply for structure protection or fire suppression.

504.7 Appendages and projections. Unenclosed accessory structures attached to building with habitable spaces and projections, such as decks, shall be a minimum of 1-hour fire resistance-rated construction, heavy timber construction or constructed of one of the following:

- Approved noncombustible materials,
- Fire-retardant treated wood identified for exterior use and meeting the requirements of Section 2303.2 of the International Building Code,
- Ignition resistant building materials in accordance with section 503.2 or
- Meet the requirements in the schematics as shown in the WUI Application Packet.

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1. Approved noncombustible materials,
2. Fire-retardant treated wood identified for exterior use and meeting the requirements of Section 2303.2 of the International Building Code,
3. Ignition resistant building materials in accordance with section 503.2 or
4. Meet the requirements in the schematics as shown in the WUI Application Packet.


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That such amendment shall be effective January 1, 2014.

ADOPTED this 17th day of December 2013.

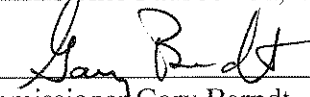
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