



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: March 16, 2026

LEGISTAR ITEM #: Ord 2764

PRESENTER: Chris Papp
Development

DEPARTMENT: Community

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REQUEST

City staff is requesting approval of Ordinance 2764, which will amend Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code to adopt the State of Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, the Colorado General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 23-166 and established the wildfire resiliency code board. In 2025, the board adopted the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code and Map. In accordance with state law, jurisdictions with identified risk zones are required to adopt a code that meets or exceeds the minimum standards established by the board.

Proposed Ordinance 2764 will adopt the minimum standards established by the board. City staff analyzed the boards map and regulations. Built properties affected by the risk zones and subject to the regulations include:

- Adams City High School,
- Five homes in Buffalo Run West,
- 135 homes in The Village, and
- One agricultural property.

Homeowners are not required to make alterations to their property as a result of adopting the code, unless there is a significant danger identified, such as a dead tree. New buildings or significant alterations to homes or structures within the risk zones will require compliance with the code.

JUSTIFICATION

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION CONTINUED

<input type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	City Charter Section 5.11(a): The city is hereby authorized to enact any ordinance which adopts any code by reference, in whole or in part; and such primary code, thus adopted, may in turn adopt by reference, in whole or in part, any secondary codes duly described therein. However, the title of every primary code and every secondary code which is incorporated in any such adopting ordinance, shall be specified in the title of the adopting ordinance.		

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1: Approve Ordinance 2764 to amend Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code and adopt the State of Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code by reference.
- Available Action #2: Deny Ordinance 2764.
- Available Action #3: Approve Ordinance 2764 with conditions or specific amendments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Available Action #1, approval of Ordinance 2764.