



Board of County Commissioners - Staff Report

Meeting Date: December 15, 2020 **Presenter:** Kathy Clay
Submitting Dept: Fire **Subject:** Amendment to the Wildland Urban Interface Code Regarding Wood Shingles

Statement / Purpose: Review Proposed amendment to the Wildland Urban Interface Code prior to 45-day public comment period

Background / Description (Pros & Cons):

The current Teton County Wildland Urban Interface Code allows for wood shingles and shakes that have been treated with fire retardant. Even with the treated fire-retardant materials, there are concerns with the continued use of wood shingles and shakes within the wildland urban interface. The Teton Area Wildland Protection Coalition and the Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Department have suggested eliminating wood shakes and shingles from new construction within the wildland urban interface. The amendment would delete Paragraph 4 of Section 503.2 of the WUIC Code.

If the BCC is comfortable with moving forward, notice will be placed in the newspaper for public comment to be given over the next 45 days. It is anticipated that a public hearing and subsequent vote on adoption would be held at the regular BCC meeting on February 16, 2021. The new amendment would go into effect on March 1, 2021.

Input / Recommendation: Approve Draft and Request that the draft be placed out for public comment

Suggested Motion: I move to direct the County Clerk to advertise and begin the 45-day comment period for an amendment eliminating all wood shakes/shingles as roof coverings in new construction within the wildland urban interface, with a public hearing and potential adoption vote to be held on February 16, 2021.

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TETON COUNTY, WYOMING

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION AMENDING TETON COUNTY, WYOMING WILDLAND
URBAN INTERFACE CODE TO NOT ALLOW WOOD SHINGLES OR
SHAKES WITHIN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE**

WHEREAS, Teton County, Wyoming has adopted the 2018 Edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC), as promulgated by the International Code Council, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the adoption and amendments thereto of the Wildland-Urban Interface Code (WUIC) is authorized by Wyoming State Statutes, Sections 35-9-101 through 35-9-131, as amended and 18-5-201 through 18-5-207, W.S., (1977), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the territorial jurisdiction of this WUIC includes all of the unincorporated lands within Teton County, and specifically the mapped area of wildland-urban interface within the unincorporated areas of Teton County ; and

WHEREAS, Section 503.2 Ignition-resistant building material deals with ignition-resistant building materials and is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Teton Area Wildlife Protection Coalition and the Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Department have requested that Paragraph 4 under Section 503.2 of the WUIC should be deleted/stricken from the locally adopted WUIC because it is believed that eliminating all wood shake shingles as roof coverings in new construction within the mapped wildland urban interface within Teton County would decrease the risk of damage and destruction to buildings within the mapped wildland urban interface within Teton County; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 4 under Section 503.2 of the WUIC reads as follows:

4. Fire-retardant treated wood roof coverings. Roof assemblies containing fire-retardant treated wood shingles and shakes that comply with the requirements of Section 1505.6 of the International Building Code and classified as Class A roof assemblies as required in Section 1505.2 of the International Building Code.

NOW THEREFORE, the Teton County Wildland Urban Interface Code is hereby amended to delete/strike Paragraph 4 of Section 503.2 and shall become effective on March 1, 2021.

RATIFIED AND AFFIRMED THIS ____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

Natalia D. Macker, Chairwoman

Attest:

Maureen E. Murphy
Teton County Clerk

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE TETON COUNTY WILDLAND URBAN
INTERFACE CODE, SPECIFICALLY IN REGARDS TO WOOD SHINGLES
AND SHAKES**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Wyoming Statute §16-3-103 that TETON COUNTY, WYOMING intends to consider amending the Teton County Wildland Urban Interface Code which is an adoption of the 2018 INTERNATIONAL WILD LAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE (including all of the appendices). The Code applies throughout the unincorporated area of Teton County, Wyoming but primarily affects those areas within the mapped wildland urban interface within Teton County. The proposed amendment would delete/strike Paragraph 4 of Section 503.2 of the Code and would eliminate all wood shake shingles as roof coverings in new construction from the mapped wildland urban interface within Teton County. All interested parties may obtain a copy of the proposed rules at the Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Department located at 40 East Pearl Ave., Jackson, Wyoming, specifically Kathy Clay, Fire Marshal The proposed rules are also posted on the county website at tetonwyo.org. A hearing to take testimony on the proposed rules shall be held on February 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. during the regular meeting of the Teton County Board of County Commissioners Meeting at the County Commissioner's Chambers located at 200 S. Willow St., Jackson, Wyoming. Pursuant to W.S. §9-5-304, the agency anticipates non-applicability to the Wyoming Regulatory Takings Act.

Maureen E. Murphy
Teton County Clerk

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