

**TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADOPTING THE COLORADO WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE, 2025 EDITION, AND THE COLORADO WILDFIRE RESILIENCY STATE CODE MAP BY REFERENCE; PROVIDING A TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, The Telluride Fire Protection District, a Colorado Special District, (the “District”) organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado;

**WHEREAS**, The District has authority pursuant to Title 32 to adopt applicable fire codes and standards by reference;

**WHEREAS**, The Colorado General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 23-166 establishing statewide wildfire resiliency standards and authorizing local governments, including special district to adopt and enforce wildfire resiliency codes in wildfire hazard areas;

**WHEREAS**, The Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code, 2025 Edition, establishes minimum requirements intended to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to buildings, structures, and life safety through ignition-resistant construction and site-based wildfire mitigation measures;

**WHEREAS**, The Colorado Wildfire Resiliency State Code Map establishes wildfire hazard and fire-intensity classifications for purposes of applying the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Directors for the District finds that adoption of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code and the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency State Code Map is necessary and appropriate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

**Section 1. Code Adoption.**

- a. The District hereby adopts the “Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code, 2025 Edition,” including all chapters, appendices, and referenced standards, which document is hereby adopted by reference as the Wildfire Resiliency Code of the Telluride Fire Protection District.

- b. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions, and terms of said code are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof as if fully set forth in this chapter.

## **Section 2. Code Incorporation.**

### **CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION PART 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **SECTION 101—SCOPE AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**101.1 Title. AMEND TO READ.** These regulations shall be known as the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code as adopted by Telluride Fire Protection District, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

#### **PART 2—ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

##### **SECTION 103—CODE COMPLIANCE AGENCY**

**103.1 Creation of agency. AMEND TO READ.** The Telluride Fire Protection District is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the *code official*. The function of the agency shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

### **Chapter 3 Wildfire Hazard Identification**

#### **SECTION 304—GROUND-TRUTHING**

**304.2 Determination of Fire Intensity Classification and Code Requirements. AMEND TO READ.** As determined by the code official, the fire intensity classification and associated requirements shall be based on a review of the vegetative fuels on the parcel and within 300’ of the parcel boundary, topography, local weather patterns, and fire behavior modeling data and in accordance with the following fire intensity classifications:

**304.2.1** Low Fire Intensity Classification in accordance with Section 303.2.1

**304.2.2** Moderate Fire Intensity Classification in accordance with Section 303.2.2

**304.2.3** High Fire Intensity Classification in accordance with Section 303.2.3

This determination shall be made based on existing conditions or conditions that have been established by a development plan approved by the local jurisdiction. Technical documentation shall be submitted in support of such request by a qualified wildfire professional as determined by the *code official* and in accordance with Section 104.2.

## **Section 3. Adoption of State Code Map.**

The Colorado Wildfire Resiliency State Code Map as published by the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control and in effect on the effective date of this ordinance is adopted by reference. Future updates to the State Code Map may be adopted by resolution or ordinance of the Board of Trustees.

#### **Section 4. Enforcement.**

- a. The Code shall be administered and enforced by District Chief of the Telluride Fire Protection District, or his authorized representative, as provided for in C.R.S. 32-1-1002.
- b. The Fire Marshal of the Telluride Fire Protection District, for the purposes of enforcing the Code shall be considered an authorized representative of the District Chief.
- c. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as modifying or limiting the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the District Chief, or its authorized representative to carry out its duties pursuant to C.R.S. 32-1-1002.

#### **Section 5. Applicability**

- a. The Code shall apply to all real property within the boundaries of the District as identified on the adopted State Code Map as being within a wildfire hazard area.
- b. Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to require retrofit of existing structures except where required by the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code for additions or alterations.

#### **Section 6. Responsibility for Chapter 5 Site and Parcel Requirements**

- a. The requirements of Chapter 5 of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code, including landscaping, defensible space, vegetation management, fuel modification, and other site- or parcel-based wildfire mitigation measures, shall be the responsibility of the permit applicant and/or property owner. Compliance with Chapter 5 requirements shall be required as a condition of permit issuance, approval, final inspection, and continued use or occupancy unless otherwise provided by the Code or approved in writing by the Fire Marshall.
- b. Compliance with Chapter 5 requirements shall be a continuing obligation of the property owner and shall not be satisfied by initial installation alone.

#### **Section 7. Violations and Penalties**

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code adopted herein shall be subject to enforcement and penalties as provided

in the San Miguel County Code. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**Section 8. Severability**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

**Section 9. Transitional Provision**

Building permit applications submitted prior to July 1, 2026, shall not be required to comply with the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code provided the permit is issued within one hundred eighty (180) days of application.

**Section 10. Effective Date**

This Resolution shall become effective July 1, 2026.

**INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED ON MARCH 17, 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.**

**TELLURIDE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT**



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**Michael Kimball, President**

**ATTEST:**



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**Jim Lucarelli, Secretary/Treasurer**