



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-021 concerning the Local Wildfire Hazard Zone and Oregon Residential Specialty Code Updates Regarding Wildfire Hazard Mitigation

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

To maintain the current fire mitigation building standards and development review processes, staff recommends closing the record on the proposed amendments, commencing deliberations, and adopting Ordinance No. 2023-021 by emergency.

1. Move approval of first and second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-021 by title only.
2. Move adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-021 on an emergency basis to take effect immediately upon adoption.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On October 1, 2023, the State Building Codes Division will be updating the R327 section of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC). Given existing provisions in section 15.04.085 of the Deschutes County Code (DCC), the forthcoming updates to the ORSC may have unintended consequences for residential development in Deschutes County in the period before official adoption of the State Wildfire Hazard Map mandated by Senate Bills 762 and 80.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Will Groves, Planning Manager
Peter Gutowsky, Community Development Director
Kyle Collins, Associate Planner