

ORDINANCE NO. 001, 2026  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
STAYING THE OPERATION OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO  
THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES

A. On December 16, 2025, Council approved on second reading the following ordinances, repealing the previously adopted suite of interconnected construction codes ("2021 Building Codes") and adopting the most recent editions of each code with local amendments ("2024 Building Codes"): Ordinance No. 211, 2025 (Building Code); Ordinance No. 212, 2025 (Energy Conservation Code); Ordinance No. 213, 2025 (Residential Code); Ordinance No. 214, 2025 (Existing Building Code); Ordinance No. 215, 2025 (Swimming Pool & Spa Code); Ordinance No. 216, 2025 (Property Maintenance Code); Ordinance No. 217, 2025 (Mechanical Code); Ordinance No. 218, 2025 (Fuel Gas Code); Ordinance No. 219, 2025 (Plumbing Code); and Ordinance No. 221, 2025 (National Electrical Code).

B. Additionally, on December 16, 2025, Council approved on second reading Ordinance No. 201, 2025, which updates the previously adopted local amendments to the *2024 International Fire Code* to ensure consistency with the 2024 Building Codes.

C. At the time of adoption of each of the above-referenced ordinances, Council amended each ordinance to delay enforcement of the new code provisions until April 1, 2026, in order to provide the building community sufficient time to become familiar with and adapt to the new requirements.

D. The amendments to delay enforcement may have created ambiguity as to which building codes shall govern until April 1, 2026. Out of an abundance of caution, this Ordinance is intended to confirm and clarify that Council's intent was for the amendments to stay the application of the above-referenced ordinances until April 1, 2026, and that the 2021 Building Codes shall remain in full force and effect until that date.

E. Holding the above-referenced ordinances in abeyance and staying their operation until April 1, 2026, confirms and clarifies the Council's desire and intent to keep the 2021 Building Codes in effect until April 1, 2026, when enforcement of the newly adopted 2024 Building Codes begins.

F. This Ordinance also ratifies any actions undertaken by the Chief Building Official and Building Services office under the 2021 Building Codes between December 26, 2025, and the effective date of this Ordinance.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. Operation of Ordinance No. 201, 2025 (International Fire Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 2. Operation of Ordinance No. 211, 2025 (Building Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 3. Operation of Ordinance No. 212, 2025 (Energy Conservation Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 4. Operation of Ordinance No. 213, 2025 (Residential Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 5. Operation of Ordinance No. 214, 2025 (Existing Building Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 6. Operation of Ordinance No. 215, 2025 (Swimming Pool & Spa Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 7. Operation of Ordinance No. 216, 2025 (Property Maintenance Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 8. Operation of Ordinance No. 217, 2025 (Mechanical Code) is hereby stayed under April 1, 2026.

Section 9. Operation of Ordinance No. 218, 2025 (Fuel Gas Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 10. Operation of Ordinance No. 219, 2025 (Plumbing Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 11. Operation of Ordinance No. 221, 2025 (National Electrical Code) is hereby stayed until April 1, 2026.

Section 12. Any actions undertaken by the Chief Building Official and Building Services consistent with the intent stated in this Ordinance are hereby ratified.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading on January 6, 2026, and approved on second reading for final passage on January 20, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Effective Date: January 30, 2026  
Approving Attorney: Stefanie Boster

Exhibit: None