

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Shawn McGaffin, Division Chief/Fire Marshal, Poudre Fire Authority

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 201, 2025, Amending Chapter 9, Article I of the Code of the City of Fort Collins for the Purpose of Updating Local Amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to modify the City's local amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code (IFC), adopted earlier this year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The International Fire Code (IFC) is part of a suite of interconnected construction codes published by the International Code Council every three years, which also includes the International Building Code, International Residential Code, among others (the International Codes). The most recent suite of International Codes was published in 2024.

Each code cycle, the City of Fort Collins adopts the most up-to-date International Codes along with local amendments.

While adoption of the other 2024 International Codes was delayed, the Fort Collins City Council adopted the 2024 IFC with local amendments on June 27, 2025 (Ordinance No. 051, 2025), following its adoption by the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District Board on February 25, 2025. In addition to the City of Fort Collins, the Town of Timnath, and Larimer County also adopted their respective local amendments.

- Larimer County adopted on July 29, 2025
- Town of Timnath adopted July 22, 2025.

Since the 2024 IFC's adoption, Fort Collins City Staff have drafted ordinances to adopt the remaining 2024 International Codes with local amendments. Concurrently with those ordinances, PFA is recommending the City Council adopt this Ordinance, which would make minor corresponding adjustments to the City's local amendments to the 2024 IFC to maintain consistency and avoid conflicting language between the City's various adopted 2024 International Codes

Modifications include:

- Adjusting the height of letters and numbers on wayfinding signs
- Replacing the local amendments to Chapter 10 amendments with a reference to the 2024 International Building Code
- Adding Fire Lane signage in Appendix D
- Replacing the diagrams in Appendix D with correct diagrams

These modifications are customer-focused and promote consistency across jurisdictions, reducing confusion between the fire and building codes. These modifications were anticipated, given the delay in adoption of the other 2024 International Codes.

These modifications to the 2024 IFC were considered and approved by the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District Board on October 28, 2025.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At its November 20, 2025, meeting, the Building Review Commission voted unanimously (6-0) in support of Council adoption of the proposed modifications to the Fire Code.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The 2024 IFC and amendments will be posted on the Poudre Fire Authority's website.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 201, 2025