

- **Chapter 15.40 - INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**

15.40.010 - Adoption of the International Fire Code.

Pursuant to the authority granted by W.S. Section 15-1-119, as amended, there is adopted by the city, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the International Fire Code, published by the International Code Council being particularly the 2024 Edition thereof, including **B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I**, (see list at bottom) save and except such portions are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended by Sections [15.40.070](#) and [15.40.080](#) of this chapter, hereinafter referred to as the International Fire Code. A copy of the International Fire Code is on file in the office of the city clerk and the office of the fire chief of the city.

15.41.020 - Establishment and duties for community risk reduction.

A. The International Fire Code shall be enforced by the fire chief of the city or his/her designee.

B. The fire chief of the city may detail such members of the fire department as inspectors as shall, from time to time, be necessary. The fire chief shall recommend to the mayor the employment of technical inspectors to assist the fire chief.

15.40.030 - Definitions.

A. Whenever the word "jurisdiction" is used in the International Fire Code, it shall be held to mean the city of Mills, Wyoming, and such city-owned property outside the city limits upon which the International Fire Code is made applicable.

15.40.040 - Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside aboveground tanks is to be prohibited.

The limits referred to in Section 5704.2.9.6.1 of the International Fire Code in which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, shall apply in all areas within the jurisdiction.

EXCEPTION: Outside aboveground tanks which are located within a special enclosure, as described in Section 2306.2.6, or equivalent are permitted.

15.40.050 - Establishments of limits in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gases is to be restricted.

The limits referred to in Section 6104.2 of the International Fire Code in which bulk storage liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, are all areas within the jurisdiction.

15.40.060 - Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is to be prohibited.

The limits referred to in Section 5604 of the International Fire Code, in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, shall apply in all areas within the jurisdiction.

15.40.070 - Establishment of limits of districts in which the storage of hazardous materials is to be prohibited or limited.

The limits referred to in Section 5001 of the International Fire Code in which the storage of hazardous materials is prohibited or limited, are established as follows: Quantities in excess of the amounts as listed in Tables 5003.1.1(1), (2), (3) and (4) shall only be allowed in the **general industrial zone (M-2)** of the jurisdiction.

15.40.080 - Amendments made in the International Fire Code.

The following sections of the International Fire Code are deleted, modified, or amended in the following respects:

A. Chapter 113.3 is deleted and replaced as follows:

Chapter 113.3. The fire chief shall have authority to issue a written citation containing a notice to appear in Municipal Court to any person, who said fire chief, or his designee has probable cause to believe is committing a violation of any of the terms of this code.

B. Chapter 105 Permits

Any fees associated with the issuance of permits shall be established by resolution of the city council.

C. Section 903.2 is amended to add the following:

An automatic fire sprinkler system shall be installed when the fire flow requirements exceed 2500 gallons per minute, as determined by Appendix B, International Fire Code, 2024 Edition.

D. Section 5704.1 is amended as follows:

Section 5704.1 General.

1. Outside portable container storage of permitted flammable and combustible liquids shall only be allowed in the **general industrial (M-2)** zone of the jurisdiction.

2. Portable tank storage is prohibited.

EXCEPTIONS:

1) Portable tanks which are located within a special enclosure as described in Section 2306.2.6, or equivalent are permitted.

2) Temporary storage of flammable and combustible liquids used at construction sites.

3) Permits for portable tanks are to be issued only after inspection and approval by the fire chief, pursuant to Section 105.

15.40.085 - Nuisance fire alarms.

~~A. Time Periods. For the purpose of determining the time periods imposed by this section, nuisance fire alarms, as defined by the International Fire Code 2024 ed., shall be dated from the day of their occurrence.~~

~~B. First Response. Casper Fire EMS response to premises with a registered system at which no other nuisance alarms have occurred within the same calendar year shall be referred to as a "first response." No penalty or administrative sanction shall be imposed by any first response. However, non-registered systems are subject to penalties in Article 4 upon first response and all subsequent responses.~~

~~C. Third and Subsequent Response—Civil Penalty. When three or more nuisance alarms have occurred at any premises in any calendar year, the owner shall have committed the infraction of a "repetitive nuisance alarm." The civil penalty for a third and succeeding nuisance alarm in any calendar year shall be one hundred dollars per occurrence, in addition to any fees imposed pursuant to Section 15.40.110. Any nuisance alarm which results from a failure to take required corrective action to prevent such recurrence after notice thereof by the community risk reduction division and/or any nonpayment of any nuisance alarm penalty may result in the community risk reduction division providing written notice ordering the disconnection of such alarm until the required corrective action or payment of penalty has been made; provided, however, that no disconnection shall be ordered on any premises required by law to have an alarm system in operation.~~

~~E. Notice of Violation.~~

~~1. Responsibility for Issuance. The community risk reduction division shall be responsible for the issuance of written notices of infraction to the owner following the second and each succeeding nuisance alarm in any calendar month. The community risk reduction division shall notify the city finance department of the amount of penalties to be collected. The City of Casper Finance Department shall collect such penalties.~~

~~2. Waive Imposition. In the event the community risk reduction division determines that the nuisance alarm(s) occurred as a direct result of an interruption of electrical power, telephone system malfunction, an alarm equipment malfunction, or other causes beyond the control of the owner, the community risk reduction division may waive imposition of the applicable nuisance alarm penalty or administrative sanction.~~

15.40.090 - Appeals.

Whenever the fire chief shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the fire chief to the Wyoming Council on Fire Protection and Electrical Safety within thirty days from the date of the decision appealed.

15.40.100 - New materials, processes or occupancies which may require permits.

The city administrator, the fire chief, and the building inspector shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes, or occupancies, which shall require permits, in addition to those now enumerated in said code. The fire chief shall make available such lists of permitted materials, processes, or occupancies in and distribute copies thereof to interested persons upon request.

15.40.105 – Self-assessment fire inspection program.

A. Establishment of Self Inspection Program. The city hereby establishes a Self-Inspection Program for the purpose of maintaining functions necessary for fire prevention.

B. Businesses that employ 10 or less individuals on site, and do not contain hazardous material, are not a day care, restaurant or food truck, are eligible to conduct self-assessment fire inspections, after their initial in-person inspection when the business is established within the City of Mills.

C. Frequency of Inspections.

1. Self-Inspections. Self-Inspections, performed by the business owner, manager, occupant or other duly authorized person shall be completed annually, based on the date of the renewal for their City of Mills business license.

2. On-Site Inspections. On-site inspections by Mills fire personnel, absent exigent circumstances or public health and safety concerns, will be performed annually. Inspections may also be performed if an International Fire Code violation is reported or if the fire department inspector has a reasonable suspicion that a violation exists.

D. *Compliance.*

1. The City Clerk shall deliver, in person, by certified mail or verified electronic delivery on an annual basis, its most current "Self-Inspection Packet" which shall be periodically approved by the fire chief, or his designee, to each registered occupancy identified under Section [15.40.105](#) B. within the city limits.

2. The owner, manager, occupant or other duly authorized person of said occupancy must complete the questions within the self-inspection packet and return the self-inspection form within thirty days from the date of issuance by mail or by electronic submission designated by the fire chief, or his designee. The fire chief, or his designee, as soon as practicable after receipt of the self-inspection form, shall issue the owner, manager, or occupant of said occupancy with a letter which shall contain the following:

a. Certificate of Compliance

b. A notice that provides details of any violations or deficiencies that were self-reported and timelines to complete any necessary corrective action(s).

E. Enforcement.

1. Any owner or occupant of a business, commercial or industrial facility qualifying for the self-inspection program but elects not to enroll or fails to successfully complete the self-inspection as requested by the fire chief, or his designee, in accordance with the procedures established herein, shall be charged a service fee for the fire code official or designee to perform such inspection.

2. The amount charged for service fees for fire inspections performed by the fire chief, or his designee, to check compliance with this code and the International Fire Code, shall be set by resolution of the governing body. Non-payment of service fees is a violation of this chapter and the city may pursue any available legal remedies.

3. All violations or deficiencies identified on a property from the self-inspection shall be corrected by occupant within thirty days. If correction(s) cannot feasibly be made within thirty days, the occupant shall provide written notice of impracticability and the reasons therefor to the fire chief for review. Then, if approved, the occupant shall proceed with corrections within a timeframe determined by the fire chief or his designee. The fire chief, or his designee, also has the right to shorten any timeframe to complete corrections when serious public health, safety and welfare concerns exist.

15.40.110 - Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this code or fail to comply herewith or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications as plans submitted and approved hereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the Wyoming Council on Fire Prevention and Electrical Safety, or by a court of competent jurisdiction within the time fixed herein shall be severally, for each and every such violation and non-compliance, respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor and the penalty for violation hereof shall be that set forth in [Chapter 1.28](#) of this code.

For reference only:

1. No appendix A – It establishes a board of appeal. 15.04.090 allows an appeal of the fire chief to the State Fire Marshal
2. Appendix B – Fire flows required
3. Appendix C – Hydrant locations and distributions
4. Appendix D – Fire apparatus access roads
5. Appendix E – Hazard categories
6. Appendix F – Hazard rankings, for labeling NFPA 704 placard
7. Appendix G – Cryogenic fluids
8. Appendix H – Hazardous Material Mgmt. plan and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statement
9. Appendix I – Fire protection Systems, Non-compliant conditions
10. No appendix J – Building information sign
11. No appendix K – Construction requirements for existing ambulatory Care Facilities
12. No appendix L – Req. for Firefighter Air Replenishment Systems
13. No appendix M – High-Rise buildings, Retroactive Automatic Sprinkler Requirements
14. No appendix N – Indoor trade shows and exhibitions
15. No appendix O – Valet trash and recycling collection in Group R2 occupancies