

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. TC 2025-3**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NEW CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 15 OF THE TOWN MUNICIPAL CODE
AND THE BUILDING CODES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE THEREIN.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV of the Charter of the Town of New Castle (“Town”) and C.R.S. § 31-16-202, the Town is authorized to adopt codes by reference; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance TC 2023-7 and 2023-10, the Town has adopted by reference the 2021 editions of the International Building Code, the International Residential Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Existing Building Code, the International Fire Code, International Wildland Urban Interface Code, and the International Energy Conservation Code (collectively, the “ICodes”); the version of the National Electrical Code enforced by the State of Colorado; and the Colorado Model Electric and Solar Ready Code, all subject to subject to the amendments set forth in Title 15 of the Town of New Castle Municipal Code (the “Code”); and

WHEREAS, since Town Council adopted Ordinance TC 2023-10, Town staff has identified the need for additional amendments to the ICodes to further the Town’s ongoing efforts to implement the latest in building science and best practices; and

WHEREAS, Town Council now desires to amend Title 15 of the Code to amend provisions of certain of the ICodes as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are incorporated as findings of the Town Council.

Section 2. Code Amendment. Chapters 15.08, 15.10, 15.22, and 15.25 are amended as set forth below, with removed language ~~stricken~~ and added language in **bold** and *italics*. Those provisions of Title 15 not expressly addressed in this Ordinance shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

A. Section 15.08.020 of the Coded is amended to add the following language:

Section 706.1.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 706.1.1 Party Walls. Any wall located on a lot line between adjacent buildings, which is used or adapted for joint service between the two buildings, shall be constructed as a fire wall in accordance with Section 706. Party walls shall be constructed without openings and shall create separate buildings. Such walls shall be constructed of an approved shaftwall-type assembly unless otherwise approved by the Building Official.

B. Section 15.22.020 of the Coded is amended to add the following language:

Section R302.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section R302.2 Townhouses. Walls separating townhouse units shall be constructed in accordance with Section R302.2.1 or R302.2.2 and shall comply with Sections 302.2.3 through 302.2.5. Such walls shall be constructed of an approved shaftwall-type assembly unless otherwise approved by the Building Official.

C. Section 15.22.020 of the Coded is amended to add the following language:

Section R403.6.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section R403.6.1 Heat or energy recovery ventilation. Dwelling units shall be provided with a heat recovery or energy recovery ventilation system in Climate Zones 6, 7, and 8. The system shall be balanced with a minimum sensible heater recovery efficiency of 65 percent at 32°F (0°C) at a flow greater than or equal to the design airflow.

D. Section 15.25.020 of the Code is amended to delete the following language in its entirety:

~~“Subsection 503.2 #1.1 is hereby deleted and replaced by the following text: 1.1 Flame Spread. Materials shall exhibit a flame spread index not exceeding 75 (Class B).”~~

Section 3. Severability. Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section and a holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or part thereof.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective fourteen days after final publication pursuant to section 4.3 of the Town Charter.

INTRODUCED on December 2, 2025, at which time copies were available to the Council and to those persons in attendance at the meeting, read by title, passed on first reading, and ordered published in full and posted in at least two public places within the Town as required by the Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of New Castle, Colorado on December 16, 2025, read by title and number, approved, and ordered published as required by the Charter.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, COLORADO
TOWN COUNCIL

By: _____
Art Riddile, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mindy Andis, Town Clerk