

COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS



February 12, 2026

Colorado Springs City Council
107 N. Nevada Avenue, #300
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear Members of Colorado Springs City Council,

As Chair and on behalf of the Colorado Springs Fire Board of Appeals, I would like to extend the Board's support and recommendation for adoption of the proposed 2026 update to Appendix K of the Fire Code. This important update integrates the Colorado State Wildfire Resiliency Code, with important local amendments, into the Fire Prevention Code.

The Colorado Springs Fire Department has provided the board with regular updates regarding the development of the Colorado State Wildfire Resiliency Code. In briefings to the Fire Board of Appeals, Fire Marshal Cooper and Deputy Fire Marshal Hanenberg have presented the background of the State Code along with critical amendments which reflect the unique fire risks and community development of Colorado Springs. Each member of the board has been provided with a copy of the code and asked for review and comment. Over subsequent meetings the Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal have made further presentations and engaged in detailed discussions with the board.

The Fire Board of Appeals appreciates the effort by all members of the Colorado Springs Fire Department and other city offices (officials) in the preparation and review of this document. It is clear that the Colorado Springs Fire Department makes the safety and well-being of the citizens of Colorado Springs the highest priority. Their hard work, commitment and protection of the citizens is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Riggs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "R".

Michael T. Riggs, AIA
Chair
Fire Board of Appeals