



February 26, 2026

RE: Support for the Adoption of Amended Colorado Springs Wildfire Resiliency Requirements

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs, I am writing to express our support for the adoption of the proposed amendment to Appendix K of the Fire Code.

As a community that has experienced firsthand the very real and serious impacts of wildfire in our region, we believe it is critical that Colorado Springs retain strong local control over how we address fire mitigation. Our geography, climate, and development patterns are unique, and the policies that guide prevention and response must reflect those realities. The proposed amendment to Appendix K does just that — it is tailored specifically to the needs and conditions of our community.

We appreciate the intentional and collaborative approach taken by the Colorado Springs Fire Department throughout this process. The Department engaged a broad range of stakeholders with vested interests in community resilience, including representatives from the development community, neighborhood leaders, and the insurance industry. That level of outreach demonstrates that this amendment is not reactive or one-dimensional, but rather a well-considered framework built with input from multiple perspectives.

Following a thorough presentation to our staff, we felt our questions were thoughtfully and clearly addressed. We believe the amendment establishes strong and appropriate parameters for fire mitigation while also recognizing the importance of practicality and economic vitality. It strikes a careful balance — protecting residents, property, and long-term insurability, while remaining mindful of landowners, developers, and homeowners who are working to invest in our community.

We commend the Fire Department for developing a comprehensive, locally driven plan that addresses serious regional risks without overreaching. For these reasons, we respectfully support adoption of the proposed amendment to Appendix K.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CJ Gondeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized.

Chelsea Gondeck

CEO

Colorado Springs Downtown Partnership