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Fire Marshal Kris Cooper
Colorado Springs Fire Department
375 Printers Pkwy
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

RE: 2021 IFC / CWRC Adoption Package

Dear Fire Marshal Kris Cooper,

On behalf of the Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs (HBA), as Chairman of the Construction, Codes, and Standards Committee, we write to express our support for the Colorado Springs Fire Department's proposed adoption of the 2021 International Fire Code and the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code, with the following concerns for consideration.

We recognize that implementation of the CWRC will require continued coordination as CSFD addresses enforcement capacity, resource allocation, and timing considerations. We also recognize CSFD's thoughtful efforts to advance the 2021 IFC adoption in a timely manner and with careful attention to potential downstream regulatory impacts.

First, we are concerned that incorporating the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code into the IFC adoption framework could create unintended consequences, whereby future updates to the resiliency code may trigger additional IFC adoption updates and, in turn, related updates to other codes such as the statewide energy code. We encourage careful consideration of how these linkages may impact the broader regulatory environment over time.

Second, we support implementation measures of the resiliency code that prioritize the use of existing CSFD staff and resources to the greatest extent possible. Your ongoing commitment of providing effective enforcement without additional cost burdens makes it possible for our industry to continue delivering affordable communities.

Our members stand ready to provide feedback based on real-world application as projects move through plan review, permitting, and inspection. We appreciate CSFD's continued willingness to engage stakeholders and remain committed to a constructive partnership with the HBA throughout the implementation of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code.





Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Ross".

John Ross, Vanguard Homes
2026 HBA Construction, Codes, & Standards Committee Chair

