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**BOULDER COUNTY FIRE CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE
DOCKET #FCRC-18-0001
PUBLIC HEARING
BERTHOUD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CODE
(2018 IFC)
Monday, May 7, 2018 – 2:00 P.M.
Boulder County Land Use Department
Caribou Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Annex
2045 13th St., Boulder, CO 80302**

Staff: Ron Flax, Chief Building Official, Secretary to the Fire Code Review Committee

The Berthoud Fire Protection District (“FPD”) lies generally in the extreme northeastern area of unincorporated Boulder County north of the City of Longmont and also extends into Larimer and Weld counties. In Boulder County, it is bounded to the west by the Lyons Fire Protection District and to the south by the Hygiene and Mountain View FPDs.

The district’s board of directors has adopted the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), including the following appendices: B, C, D, E, F, H, I, K & N.

With the exception of the additions of adopting Appendices K and N, this adoption resolution is largely similar to previous adoption resolutions.

Staff has the following comments on the proposed fire code adoption:

1. **2018 Edition.** Adopting the latest edition of the Fire Code is encouraged. In this instance, the Berthoud FPD is ahead of Boulder County as Boulder County has not yet adopted the 2018 version of the I-Codes. Boulder County does intend to pursue the adoption of the 2018 Codes and anticipates that this process will begin during 2019.
2. **Appendices.**
 - a. Appendix E of the 2018 IFC include the statement, “This appendix is for information purposes and is not intended for adoption.” With this in mind, it is staff’s recommendation that this appendix be removed from the list of adopted appendices.
 - b. Appendix G was not mentioned in the Berthoud FPD Resolution. In the resolution adopting the 2012 Fire Code, Appendix G was specifically excluded. Staff recommends clarifying that Appendix G is not being adopted by the Berthoud FPD (assuming that this is the intention of the district).

3. **Temporary Membrane Structures and Tents.**

- a. The text of Section 105.6.47 reads: *“An operational permit and construction permit may be required and issued by the building or fire official to operate an air supported temporary membrane structure, a temporary special event structure or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet.”*
 - i. The use of the word “or” creates a situation where it is unclear as to when the applicant would need a permit from Boulder County Building Safety and Inspection Services, when they would need a permit from the Berthoud Fire Protection District, and when they would need both. It should be noted, that this same conflict existed in the previously adoption of the 2012 Codes (but due to the low number of relevant projects it has not been problematic). Staff is not recommending any specific solution to this situation, but rather wanting to make sure that there was an awareness of this issue (with the intention that any potential conflicts are addressed with appropriate policies enacted by the jurisdictions involved).
 - ii. It should also be noted that the size threshold in this section has been reduced to 400 sqft (where previously it was 750 sqft).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Fire Code Review Committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the proposed Berthoud FPD Fire Code be ACCEPTED for administration by the district in those portions of unincorporated Boulder County that lie within the boundaries of the fire protection district, with the stipulations as noted in the staff recommendation.

Attachments: Berthoud FPD Fire Code Adopting Resolution 2018-02-2018B
Map of Berthoud FDP Tax district.