



TAHOE DOUGLAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION #012-25

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 LAKE TAHOE NEVADA WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE, INCORPORATING THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE, PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND EXPLOSIONS, PROVIDING FOR PERMITS, ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION, AND DEFINING OFFICERS' POWERS AND DUTIES.

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 318 authorizes Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District as a duly organized fire protection district; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 474 authorizes a duly organized fire protection district to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 474 provides that a Board of Fire Trustees shall promulgate and enforce all regulations necessary for the administration and government of the district and for the furnishing of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 474 authorizes Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District through an Inter-local Agreement granting authority to adopt fire codes, model codes; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 474 provides that a Board of Fire Trustees shall eliminate and remove fire hazards from the districts wherever practicable and possible, whether on private or public premises; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Trustees of the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District does herewith find that the District has certain climatic, geologic, and topographical features that can have a deleterious or negative effect on the delivery of emergency services such as fire protection and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Trustees of the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District finds that modifications and changes to the International Fire Code are reasonably necessary because of the following local climatic, geological, physical, and topographical conditions:

1. **Wildland-Urban Interface and Vegetative Fuels:** the District lies in a mountainous wildland-urban interface area of steep terrain, continuous and dry fuels, and urban development, all of which pose an increasing risk to wildfire spread and conflagration.
2. **Geological Hazards:** proximity to an active fault zone in the Lake Tahoe Basin, the area presents risks of infrastructure failure, including disruption of water, roads, power, and communications during emergencies.
3. **Climatic Conditions:** hot and dry late summer and fall conditions, combined with frequent southwest winds on south facing aspects, heighten the potential exposure of a wildfire ignition, spread, and season. Winter conditions also restrict fire access to not only roadways and properties but also access to fire hydrants and utilities.
4. **Access Limitations:** the topography of the area is generally steep, with most of the subdivisions and structures extending along creek drainages. This terrain may be difficult for firefighters to navigate during a response. Many of these subdivisions have roads that predate modern fire access standards, including steep and narrow roads; a lack of fire turnarounds; and encroachment of public easements. Winter conditions provide these conditions with even more difficult fire access and response.
5. **Environmental Constraints:** Lake Tahoe watershed protections of the area limit roadway improvements, limiting not only improvement in emergency vehicle access but also fuel reduction projects on public lands. These protections also restrict improvements and expansion on the public highways within the Basin. The Tahoe Township only has three routes to leave the area. The Lake Tahoe Basin generally has one highway that goes around the Lake.
6. **Limitations of Firefighting Resources:** with a limited number of staffed stations and a small full-time staff, the District relies on mutual aid in both response and in coverage. Mutual aid can be delayed by the lack of routes into the area, distance to the neighboring Fire Districts, and by the road conditions of the season.

WHEREAS, these factors necessitate adopting local amendments to the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC), including requirements for automatic fire sprinkler systems, to protect life, property, and the natural environment, and to maintain effective emergency response capabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Trustees of the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District hereby adopts the following:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF THE 2024 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE.

The Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District hereby adopts the Wildland-Urban Interface Code A and B published by the International Code Council, Inc., together with the 2024 Lake Tahoe Nevada Wildland-Urban Interface Code local amendments, which are incorporated as a standalone document that supplements and modifies the 2024 IWUIC as necessary to address local conditions. Three copies of both the 2024 IWUIC and the local amendments shall be filed with the Douglas County Clerk. From the effective date, the provisions of the 2024 IWUIC, as modified by the local amendments, shall govern within TDFPD.

Section 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES OF BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION.

The Wildland-Urban Interface Code as adopted and amended herein shall be enforced by the Bureau of Fire Prevention in the Fire District of the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, hereinafter "District", which is hereby established, and which shall be operated under the supervision of the Fire Chief of the Fire District.

The Fire Marshal in charge of the Bureau of Fire Prevention shall be appointed by the Chief of the Fire District and shall retain employment as determined by District policy and procedure.

The Chief of the Fire District shall employ a Fire Marshal, Deputies, and Technical Inspectors, who shall be selected through an examination to determine their fitness for the position. The examination shall be open to members and non-members of the Fire District, and appointments made after examination shall retain employment as determined by District policy and procedure.

The Fire Code Official and members of the Fire Prevention Bureau shall have the powers of a deputy in performing their duties under this fire code.

Section 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

If any provision herein regarding fire safety conflicts or is inconsistent with former ordinances regarding that same issue, then in that event, the fire code official may enforce the new provision or continue to enforce the prior provision in that officials' sole discretion.

Section 4. VALIDITY.

The Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District Board of Trustees hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance or of the International Fire Code as adopted and amended herein be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District that it would have passed all other portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination here from of any such portion as may be declared invalid, the remainder of the resolution shall remain in force.

Section 5. DATE OF EFFECT.

This ordinance shall take effect and be enforced on January 1, 2026, after its approval and filing with the Douglas County Clerk, or as required by law.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District voted to accept this resolution as follows:

Upon motion of Trustee Breaux, seconded by Trustee Ward, the foregoing Resolutions were passed and adopted this 15th day of October 2025 by the following vote of the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection Board:

Those Voting Aye:

Those Voting Nay

Ben Johnson

Stacy Noyes

John Breaux

Dan Kruger

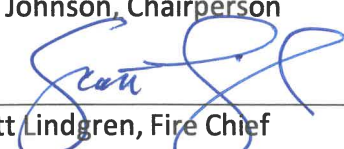
Ben Ward

Abstain: Ø

Absent: Ø

Approved this 15th day of October 2025.


Ben Johnson, Chairperson


Scott Lindgren, Fire Chief