

**SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 EDITION OF THE *INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE* WITHIN UNINCORPORATED JEFFERSON COUNTY, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR**

WHEREAS, the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District (“District”) is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado and a duly organized and existing special district organized and operated with all the authorities of, and to provide the services authorized to, a fire protection district pursuant to Article 1, Title 32, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-1001(1)(h), C.R.S., the Board of Directors of the District (“Board”) has the power to manage, control, and supervise the business and affairs of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32-1-1001(1)(m), C.R.S., the Board has the power to adopt, amend, and enforce rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and the laws of this State for carrying on the business, objects, and affairs of the Board and of the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 32-1-1002(1)(d), C.R.S., authorizes fire protection districts to adopt and enforce fire codes, although no such fire code shall apply within any municipality or unincorporated portion of a county unless the governing body of such municipality or county adopts a resolution stating that such code, or specific portions thereof, shall be applicable within the fire protection district's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2022, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2022-03, A Resolution Adopting the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code, Regulating and Governing the Safeguarding of Life and Property from Fire and Explosion Hazards Arising from the Storage, Handling and Use of Hazardous Substances, Materials and Devices, and from Conditions Hazardous to Life or Property in the Occupancy of Buildings and Premises in the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection

District; Providing for the Issuance of Permits and Collection of Fees Therefore (“2022 Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Resolution broadly adopted the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code to be effective in all areas within the District’s boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to update the District fire code within unincorporated Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, within unincorporated Jefferson County, the Board desires to adopt by reference the 2024 edition of the *International Fire Code*, including Appendix Chapters B, C, and D, with the amendments set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that adopting the 2024 edition of the *International Fire Code*, as set forth herein, for application within those areas of the District contained within unincorporated Jefferson County for the purpose of establishing rules of conduct and standards for the protection of life, health, property, security and welfare of the inhabitants and property owners of the District is appropriate and necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of the District and to the function and operation of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District as follows:

1. Adoption of Fire Code. The Board of Directors of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District hereby adopts by reference the *International Fire Code*, 2024 edition, including Appendix Chapters B, C, and D, as published by the International Code Council, and as amended herein, as the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Fire Code for Unincorporated Jefferson County (“Fire Code”) within unincorporated Jefferson County, in the State of Colorado, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the District are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this Resolution, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Resolution. Three (3) copies of this Resolution and the Fire Code adopted herein shall be maintained on file in the District Fire Marshal’s Office and shall be available for public inspection.

2. Amendments. The International Fire Code, 2024 Edition, shall be amended as follows:

(a) The following Appendices are hereby adopted as part of this code:

- (i) Appendix B, Fire-Flow Requirements for Buildings.
- (ii) Appendix C, Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution.
- (iii) Appendix D, Fire Apparatus Access Roads, as amended.

(b) Section 101.1 is deleted and replaced by the following:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the municipalities and unincorporated counties within the boundaries of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

(c) Section 103.1 is deleted and replaced by the following:

103.1 Creation of agency. The South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Fire Marshal's Office is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the fire code official. The function of the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District Fire Marshal's Office shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

(d) Section 105.5.40 is deleted and replaced by the following:

105.5.40 Outdoor assembly event. An operational permit is required to conduct an outdoor assembly event where elements of the event are regulated by this code or where planned attendance exceeds 500 persons on site at one time.

(e) Section 105.5.51 is amended to read as follows:

105.5.51 Temporary membrane structures, special event structures, inflatable amusement devices, and tents. An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure, a temporary special event structure, an inflatable amusement device, or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>).

Exceptions:

- 1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
- 2. Tents, curtains and extensions attached thereto, when used for funeral services.
- 3. Tents open on all sides, which comply with all of the following:

3.1 Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>).

3.2 The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m<sup>2</sup>) total.

3.3 A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.

(f) Section 105.6 is amended to read as follows:

105.6 Required construction permits. The fire code official is authorized to issue construction permits for work as set forth in Section 105.6.1 through 105.6.26.

(g) Section 105.6.25 is hereby amended as follows:

105.6.25 Temporary Membrane Structures and Tents. A construction permit is required to erect a membrane structure, air-inflated membrane structure, air-supported membrane structure, a temporary special event structure, an inflatable amusement device or a tent in accordance with section 105.5.51.

(h) Section 105.6.26 is added to read as follows:

105.6.26 Buildings and facilities. Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change occupancy of a building, or structure, or facility, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the fire code official and obtain the required permit.

(i) Section 108.3 Permit valuations is deleted in its entirety.

(j) Section 112.1 is deleted and replaced by the following:

112.1 Board of appeals. Appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the fire code official relative to the application and interpretation of this code, shall be subject to review by the board of appeals. The Regional Fire Code Board of Appeals, created by that certain Intergovernmental Agreement Creating Regional Fire Code Board of Appeals dated November 8, 2021, shall serve as the board of appeals for this code. Appeals shall be submitted and reviewed in accordance with the rules and procedures established by the board of appeals.

(k) Section 113.4 is amended to read as follows:

Section 113.4 Violation penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be subject to fine and/or imprisonment in accordance with Section 32-1-1001 and Section 32-1-1002, C.R.S.. Subject to applicable law, each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(l) Section 114.4 is amended to read as follows:

Section 114.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except to the extent such order directs that person to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to fine and/or imprisonment in accordance with Section 32-1-1001 and Section 32-1-1002, C.R.S.

(m) Section 609.1 is amended to read as follows:

609.1 General. Hyperbaric facilities shall be inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with NFPA 99.

Exception:

(1) When the fire code official determines a requirement of NFPA 99 is not applicable to the type of hyperbaric chambers and associated devices being installed, the fire code official shall determine the applicable requirements for the hyperbaric facility.

(n) Section 1103.7.6(3) Group R-2, is amended to read as follows:

3. A fire alarm system is not required in buildings that do not have interior corridors serving dwelling units, provided that dwelling units either have a means of egress door opening directly to an exterior exit access that leads directly to the exits or are served by open-ended corridors designed in accordance with Section 1027.6, Exception 3.2 to 3.5.

(o) Section 3106.1 is deleted and replaced by the following:

3106.1 Scope. Inflatable amusement devices shall comply with this section.

(p) Section 5601.1.3 Fireworks, is deleted and replaced by the following:

5601.1.3 Fireworks. The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks is prohibited.

Exceptions:

1. The use of fireworks for fireworks displays as allowed in Section 5608.
2. The possession, storage, sale, handling and use of permissible fireworks as defined by Section 24-33.5-2001(11), C.R.S., and in accordance with the applicable provisions of this code.

(q) Section 5704.2.9.6.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited, is deleted in its entirety.

(r) Section 5706.2.4.4 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited, is deleted in its entirety.

(s) Section 5806.2 Limitations, is deleted in its entirety.

(t) Section 6104.2 Maximum capacity within established limits, is deleted in its entirety.

(u) Section D101.1 is deleted and replaced by the following:

D101.1 Scope. Fire apparatus access roads shall be in accordance with this appendix, all other applicable requirements of the International Fire Code, and the roadway design standards adopted by the applicable county or municipality. Should any provision of this code conflict with the roadway design provisions, the fire code official and the designated city or county official shall jointly make the final determination regarding applicable requirements.

(v) Section D102.1 is deleted and replaced by the following:

D102.1 Access and loading. Facilities, buildings or portions of buildings hereafter constructed shall be accessible to fire department apparatus by way of an approved fire apparatus access road with an asphalt, concrete or other approved driving surface capable of supporting the imposed load of fire apparatus weighing up to 80,000 pounds (34 050 kg).

(w) Section D103.1 is deleted in its entirety.

(x) Section D103.2 is deleted and replaced by the following:

D103.2 Grade. The grade of the fire apparatus access road shall be a maximum of 6% or as otherwise determined by the fire code official based on fire department apparatus specifications.

(y) Section D104.1 is deleted and replaced by the following:

D104.1 Buildings exceeding three stories or 30 feet in height. Buildings or facilities where the vertical distance between the grade plane and the highest roof surface exceeds 30 feet (9144 mm) or three stories in height shall have not fewer than two means of fire apparatus access for each structure. For purposes of this section, the highest roof surface shall be determined by measurement to the eave of a pitched roof, the intersection of the roof to the exterior wall, or the top of parapet walls, whichever is greater.

3. Miscellaneous.

(a) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

(b) Nothing in this Resolution or in the Fire Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or resolution hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Resolution.

(c) All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Resolution, are hereby repealed, provided that this section shall not repeal the repealer clauses of any prior resolutions or hereby revive any ordinances or resolutions previously repealed.

(d) This Resolution and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

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ADOPTED this 4 day of May, 2026.

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

By   
Jim Albee, Chairman

Attest:

  
Sue Roche, Secretary