

**TOWN OF LAKE CITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 COLORADO WILDFIRE  
RESILIENCY CODE AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Town of Lake City, Colorado (the “Town”), pursuant to Colorado statute and Lake City Municipal Code (the “Code”) is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2025, the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board created in § 24-33.5-1236(2), C.R.S. within the Division of Fire and Prevention and Control in the Colorado Department of Public Safety adopted the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (the “CWRC”) at 8 CCR 1507-39(3); and

**WHEREAS**, the CWRC establishes minimum regulations to safeguard life and property from intrusion of fire from wildland fire exposures and fire exposures and adjacent structures and to provide adequate fire protection facilities to control the spread of fire in wildland-urban interface areas; and

**WHEREAS**, § 24-33.5-1237(2)(a), C.R.S., as amended by Senate Bill 25-142, requires any governing body with jurisdiction in an area within the wildland-urban interface that has authority to adopt building codes or fire codes to adopt a code that meets or exceeds the minimum standards set forth in the CWRC, such that the CWRC is implemented on or before July 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, because the CWRC was adopted by a state agency, it may be adopted by reference, without restating the material in its entirety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has jurisdiction within the wildland-urban interface area and has authority to adopt building codes and is therefore required under state law to adopt and implement a code meeting or exceeding the standards set forth in the CWRC; and

**WHEREAS**, copies of the CWRC are available at Town Hall and on the Town website, for review and inspection by the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the Town and its residents for the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code to be adopted, with local amendments as set forth in this Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code, 2025 Edition, as adopted by the State of Colorado effective July 1, 2025, is hereby adopted by reference as part of the Town of Lake City Municipal Code, as if fully set forth herein, except as amended by this Ordinance.

2. Section 5-23 is hereby added to the Lake City Municipal Code, to read in its entirety as follows:

#### 5-23 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

The 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code promulgated and adopted by the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board within the Division of Fire and Prevention and Control in the Colorado Department of Public Safety and published July 1, 2025, is hereby adopted by reference as the town of Lake City wildfire resiliency code as if fully set out in this section, subject to the following modifications:

(a) Section 101.1 Title is amended to read as follows:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code as adopted by the Town of Lake City, hereinafter referred to as “this code.” The Town of Lake City is the authority having jurisdiction (“AHJ”).

(b) Section 103.1. Creation of agency is amended to read as follows:

103.1 Identification of code official. The Town of Lake City Town Manager or their designee shall be the *code official*. The Town Manager or their designee shall be responsible for the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

(c) Section 301.1 Scope is amended to read as follows:

301.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter establish the methodology for identifying wildfire hazard areas based on the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency State Code Map (CWRC Map), developed by the Division of Fire Prevention and Control within the Colorado Department of Public Safety and the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board, as adopted by the Town. Any amendment or updated CWRC Map may be adopted by resolution or ordinance of the Town of Lake City Board of Trustees. The adopted map shall be used for regulation under this code.

(d) C101.3.7 is amended to read as follows:

C101.3.7 Violation penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who erects, constructs, alters or repairs a building or structure in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this code, commits a civil infraction and is subject to the Town of Lake City general penalty provisions. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. The Town may also pursue all other remedies available at law or in equity, including stop work orders, permit suspension, or revocation.

3. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

4. Repeal. Existing ordinances or parts of ordinances covering the same matters embraced in this Ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CITY ON THIS 20th DAY OF MAY 2026.**

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF LAKE CITY, COLORADO**

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Christina Bowman  
Town Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Roberts  
Mayor