

**RESOLUTION # 2026-10**  
**WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT**  
**FOR GARFIELD COUNTY**

DE BEQUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (DFPD)  
GARFIELD AND MESA COUNTIES  
De BEQUE, COLORADO

**A RESOLUTION to** ADOPT AND APPROVE A RESLIENCY CODE AND PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED PORTION OF GARFIELD COUNTY THAT LIES WITHIN THE DFPD'S JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.

**WHEREAS**, The De Beque Fire Protection District ("DFPD") is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, organized to provide fire protection, fire prevention, public education, rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency medical services to the citizens and property within its jurisdiction, and to individuals passing through its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-1236(4), on July 1, 2025, the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Board ("WRC Board") adopted a model wildfire resiliency code ("Model Code"), which is intended to reduce the risk of wildfire through construction hardening and site and area design; and,

**WHEREAS**, C.R.S. §24-33.5-1237 (2)(a) requires Garfield County and DFPD to each adopt a wildfire resiliency code by April 1, 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, Garfield County is in process of adopting the Model Code with amendments, which they believe will meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the Model Code. Garfield County's modified Model Code must be approved by the WRC Board. It is unclear whether Garfield County will have its Model Code approved by the WRC Board by April 1, 2026, and

**WHEREAS**, To ensure the District has adopted a wildfire resiliency code by the April 1, 2026 deadline, the BOD finds that adopting the Model Code, including all appendices, will help protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and property that are located within the unincorporate portion of Garfield County that lies within the DFPD's boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-1237 (2)(b) and (c) DFPD is premitted to (1) directly enforce the Model Code adopted by the BOD; (2) enter into a cooperative agreement with a third-party contractor or the governing body of another jurisdiction to enforce the Model Code; or (3) request that the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control ("DFPC") enforce the Model Code; and

**WHEREAS**, The BOD has determined it is in the best interests of the District's citizens and their property for the BOD to request that the CDFPC enforce the Model Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the De Beque Fire Protection District that:

- 1) The BOD hereby adopts the Model Code, including the appendices to the Model Code, as the DFPD's wildfire resiliency code to be enforceable within the portion of unincorporated Garfield County that lies within the DFPD's jurisdictional boundaries. The Model Code shall become effective on April 1, 2026, and shall be enforceable beginning on July 1, 2026.
- 2) The BOD directs Chief Staff to request that CDFPC enforce the Model Code within the DFPD's jurisdictional boundaries.
- 3) Nothing contained in this Resolution shall be construed as modifying or limiting in any manner the powers, duties, and responsibilities of DFPD, the DFPD's Fire Chief, or the Fire Chief's authorized representative(s), as provided by all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.
- 4) If any provision of this Resolution or the Model Code is for any reason held to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The BOD expressly declares it would have adopted this Resolution and the Model Code even if a provision contained in this Resolution is declared invalid.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 by the De Beque Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

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