

KEARNS CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-19

DATE: December 8, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE KEARNS CITY COUNCIL ENACTING SECTION 15.08.011 OF THE KEARNS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2006 EDITION OF THE UTAH WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE AND TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE MAP FOR THE CITY OF KEARNS PURSUANT TO H.B. 48

WHEREAS, in accordance with H.B. 48, effective January 1, 2026, municipalities are encouraged to adopt the 2006 Edition of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code (“UWUIC”) and a corresponding map depicting those areas within their boundaries that are subject to UWUIC; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 301 of UWUIC, the Kearns City Council (“Council”) shall determine the UWUIC areas within its jurisdiction after review and consideration of the information and maps published by the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (“FFSL”); and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the FFSL UWUIC information and maps currently available; and

WHEREAS, the Council has also consulted with Unified Fire Authority, which has determined that there are no wildland-urban interface areas within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Kearns; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the current FFSL information and maps designate the City of Kearns as the lowest category for risk to life and property from wildland exposures and for risk of fire spread to wildland fuels; and

WHEREAS, Section 301 of UWUIC authorizes the Kearns Council to modify its UWUIC areas every three (3) years or as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, Kearns staff prepared a draft ordinance adopting the UWUIC and a related map indicating that no portions of Kearns currently qualify as wildland-urban interface areas; and

WHEREAS, the Kearns Planning Commission issued a favorable recommendation for the proposed UWUIC ordinance and related map after holding a duly noticed public hearing on December 1, 2025, pursuant to Utah Code §§ 10-20-205(2)(b)(ii) and 10-20-502.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE KEARNS COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. Enactment of 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code: Section 15.08.011 of the Kearns Municipal Code is enacted to read as follows:

15.08.011 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code

The 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code along with any amendments shall apply to those areas within the City that the Council designates as wildland-urban interface areas in the City's official Wildland-Urban Interface Map.

2. **Enactment of Wildland-Urban Interface Map.** The map attached as **Exhibit 1** is enacted as the official Wildland-Urban Interface Map for the City of Kearns, which map does not subject any area within the jurisdictional limits of Kearns to the UWUIC and depicts all of Kearns as the lowest category for risk to life and property from wildland exposures and for risk of fire spread to wildland fuels.

3. **Severability:** If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any part of this ordinance is unconstitutional or invalid, then such portion of this ordinance, or specific application of this ordinance, shall be severed from the remainder, which shall continue in full force and effect.

4. **Direction to Mayor and Staff:** The Mayor and staff are authorized and directed to take such steps as may be needed: (a) for this ordinance to become effective under Utah law, including but not limited to compliance with the requirements of Utah Code § 10-3-711; and (b) to finalize and post the ordinance to Municode, including but not limited to making non-substantive edits to correct any scrivener's, formatting, and numbering errors.

5. **Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its posting.

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a duly called meeting of the Kearns City Council on this 8th day of December 2025.

CITY OF KEARNS

Kelly Bush
By: Kelly Bush, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Baun
Diana Baun, City Recorder

Voting:

Mayor Bush	voting	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Butterfield	voting	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Peterson	voting	<u>ABSENT</u>
Council Member Schaeffer	voting	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Snow	voting	<u>aye</u>

(Complete as Applicable)

Date ordinance summary was published on the Utah Public Notice Website per Utah Code §10-3-711: December 9, 2025

Effective date of ordinance: December 9, 2025

**SUMMARY OF
CITY OF KEARNS
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-19**

On December 8, 2025, the Kearns City Council enacted Ordinance No. 2025-O-19 to comply with H.B. 48. The ordinance adopts: (1) the 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code (“UWUIC”) as Chapter 15.08.011 of the Kearns Municipal Code; and (2) an official Wildland-Urban Interface map for the City of Kearns. Based on determinations from the Unified Fire Authority, the map does not subject any portion of Kearns to the UWUIC and depicts all of Kearns as the lowest category for risk to life and property from wildland exposures and for risk of fire spread to wildland fuels.

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A complete copy of Ordinance No. 2025-O-19 is available in the office of the Kearns City Recorder, 860 Levoy Drive, Suite 300, Taylorsville, Utah 84123.

EXHIBIT 1

Official Wildland-Urban Interface Map for the City of Kearns