

ORDINANCE 25-12

AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH OGDEN CITY, UTAH, ADOPTING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 11 OF THE SOUTH OGDEN CITY CODE ENTITLED “WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE BUILDING CODE”

SECTION 1 - RECITALS:

WHEREAS, SOUTH OGDEN CITY (City) is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. §§10-8-84 and 10-8-60 authorize municipalities to exercise powers necessary to protect the safety, health, and well-being of residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that during the 2025 General Session, the Utah Legislature enacted House Bill 48 – Wildland Urban Interface Modifications, requiring counties and municipalities to adopt Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) building standards and designate WUI areas to reduce wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that HB 48 requires municipalities to adopt the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code as adopted in the State Construction Code under Utah Code §15A-2-103; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that HB 48 makes adoption and enforcement of the WUI code a condition of receiving State wildfire suppression cost coverage; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds WUI areas contain increased wildfire vulnerability and adoption of this ordinance is necessary to protect life, property, and public welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SOUTH OGDEN CITY:

SECTION II – ADDED CHAPTER:

That upon adoption of this Ordinance, Chapter 11, as set out in **Attachment "A"**, shall be added to Title 9 of the South Ogden City Code and by this reference, fully incorporated herein.

SECTION III - REPEALER OF CONFLICTING ENACTMENTS:

All orders, ordinances and resolutions regarding the changes enacted and adopted which have been adopted by the City, or parts which conflict with this Ordinance, are, for such conflict, repealed, except this repeal shall not be construed to revive any act, order or resolution, or part, repealed.

SECTION IV - PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

The body and substance of any prior Ordinances and Resolutions, with their specific provisions, where not otherwise in conflict with this Ordinance, are reaffirmed and readopted.

SECTION V - SAVINGS CLAUSE:

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held or deemed or shall be invalid, inoperative or unenforceable such reason shall not render any other provision or provisions invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatever, this Ordinance being deemed the separate independent and severable act of the City Council of South Ogden City.

SECTION VI - DATE OF EFFECT:

This Ordinance shall be effective on the 16th day of December, 2025, and after publication or posting as required by law.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2025.

SOUTH OGDEN, a municipal corporation

Russell L. Porter, Mayor

Attested and recorded:

Leesa Kapetanov, MMC
City Recorder

ATTACHMENT “A”

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An Ordinance Of South Ogden City, Utah, Adopting Title 9, Chapter 11 Of The
South Ogden City Code Entitled “Wildland-Urban Interface Building Code”

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Chapter 11 WILDLAND–URBAN INTERFACE BUILDING CODE

9-11-1: Definitions

HIGH-RISK WUI PROPERTY: means property identified through the wildfire risk assessment mapping tool maintained by FFSL.

LOCAL FIRE AUTHORITY: means the South Ogden City Fire Department.

WUI BUILDING CODE: means the edition of the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted under Utah Code §15A-2-103.

WUI MAP: means the County’s Sensitive Lands/Hazard Area Map incorporating WUI boundaries designated by FFSL, a copy of which can be found with Weber County.

WUI AREA: means areas where structures are adjacent to or intermixed with wildland fuels as shown on the WUI Map.

9-11-2: WUI Building Code Adopted

The City adopts the edition of the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted by the State under Utah Code §15A-2-103, including any future editions, amendments, or deletions thereto.

- A. Applicability: This Chapter applies only to properties within the WUI Area shown on the adopted WUI Map and to:
 - 1. New structures;
 - 2. Additions;
 - 3. Substantial remodels; and
 - 4. Regulated site/landscaping work.
- B. Enforcement: The City shall enforce the WUI code through its permitting, inspection, and enforcement processes.
- C. Conflict: This Chapter governs where conflicts exist.
- D. Existing Structures: Existing structures are not required to retrofit.

9-11-3: Adoption of WUI Map

- A. Mapping: The City adopts the WUI boundaries established through the FFSL wildfire risk assessment mapping tool.

- B. Official Map: The WUI Map attached as Exhibit A is adopted and incorporated.
- C. Notice: The City shall provide notice of the WUI Map and any amendments.
- D. Construction Limits: All new development in the WUI Area must comply with the WUI Code.
- E. Updates: The City shall update the WUI Map as required by State law.