

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-__

**AN ORDINANCE OF KAMAS CITY, UTAH, AMENDING KAMAS CITY CODE §15.22.030 TO
REDUCE THE WETLANDS SETBACK TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) FEET IN ALL ZONES AND
PROHIBITING PERMANENT STRUCTURES WITHIN THE WETLANDS SETBACK**

WHEREAS, Kamas City has adopted land use regulations to protect wetlands and minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS, Kamas City Code §15.22.030 currently requires a wetlands setback of fifty (50) feet from the delineated wetland edge in all zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not mandate specific wetland setback distances but requires avoidance and minimization of wetland impacts, leaving setback standards to local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on November 18, 2025, and further considered the proposed amendment on January 6, 2026, and forwarded a positive recommendation to City Council to reduce the wetlands setback to twenty-five (25) feet in all zones while prohibiting permanent development within the setback; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that a reduced setback of twenty-five (25) feet, coupled with limitations on permanent development, balances reasonable use of property with continued protection of wetlands;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KAMAS CITY, UTAH:

Section 1. Amendment to Kamas City Code §15.22.030 Kamas City Code §15.22.030.4.a.iii is hereby amended to read as in Exhibit A.

Section 2. Severability If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kamas City Council of Kamas, Utah, this ____ day of January, 2026.

KAMAS CITY

Matt McCormick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Peacock, City Recorder