

ORDINANCE NO. 0000-00

KANOSH, UTAH

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING
THE 2024 UTAH WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE**

AN ORDINANCE OF KANOSH TOWN ADOPTING THE 2024 EDITION OF THE UTAH WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE (UWUIC), AS CURRENTLY AMENDED BY THE UTAH DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FIRE, AND STATE LANDS, AND DECLARING THAT NO AREAS WITHIN KANOSH TOWN QUALIFY AS WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE HAZARD AREAS.

WHEREAS, Kanosh Town desires to promote the health, safety and welfare of those who live in properties in Kanosh Town; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Legislature, through H.B. 48, requires municipalities to adopt the 2024 Edition of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code by January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code §15A-1-101 et seq. adopts the State Construction Code and authorizes local governments to adopt and enforce fire codes, including the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code (WUI Code); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it appropriate to formally adopt the WUI Code to remain consistent with the Utah Code Title 15A while clarifying that no portion of the Town is subject to WUI hazard classifications or WUI development standards; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to establish a process for future review should conditions change;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE KANOSH TOWN COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

A. Kanosh Town hereby adopts the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code, as adopted and amended by the State of Utah, and incorporates it by reference.

B. The WUI Code shall be part of the Kanosh Town Code and shall be applied as provided in this ordinance.

Section 2. Adoption of the Wildland-Urban Interface Boundary.

- A. Following a review by the Town Council, minimal lands within Kanosh Town meet the criteria for High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface hazard classifications.
- B. Because no lands are classified as WUI areas, the Town is not required to adopt or maintain a WUI Hazard Area Map, and no such map shall be created at this time.
- C. As Kanosh Town contains no WUI designated areas, the development standards, construction requirements, defensible space, and vegetation-management requirements of the WUI Code do not apply to any property within the Town at this time.
- D. The Town reserves the authority to conduct periodic evaluations of potential wildfire risk conditions. If future conditions warrant, the Town may classify areas as WUI zones by ordinance and WUI map.

Section 3. Repealer.

All Kanosh Town ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The Kanosh Town Council declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, and phrase thereof, regardless of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 5. Savings Clause.

Nothing contained in this ordinance or the adopted Wildland-Urban Interface Code shall be construed to affect any suit, proceeding, or action pending in any court; any rights acquired; any liability incurred; or any cause of action existing under any ordinance hereby repealed. Any such just or legal right or remedy shall not be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

Section 6. Publication.

The Kanosh Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance according to Utah State law.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders, and matters adopted herein shall take effect immediately after the date of its final passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kanosh Town Council this ____ day of _____, 2026.

By: _____

Wenda Crabb, Mayor

Attest: _____

Kacie Whattcott, Town Clerk

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Wenda Crabb	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Brian Batt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Tim White	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Joshua Whitaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Member Dan Degraffenried	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>