



ORDINANCE 2026-13

ADOPTION OF THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE ZONE FOR THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE

Whereas, the threat of wildfire is increasing in the United States, particularly in arid climate areas in the western United States such as southwestern Utah; and

Whereas, the Town of Springdale is at elevated risk of wildfire due to the following factors:

1. The Town's geographical setting in a steep walled canyon which encourages canyon winds and complicates wildfire response,
2. Vegetation in the foothill areas which consists of highly flammable native species (such as Utah juniper) and easily combustible invasive species (such as cheatgrass),
3. Hot and dry summers with limited and sporadic rainfall, but frequent dry lightning; and

Whereas, the Springdale Town Council desires to protect the community from the devastating impacts of wildfires, which include threats to life and health, property damage, economic impacts, and impacts on the health of the natural environment; and

Whereas, the Utah State Legislature has mandated all communities in Utah adopt the Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUI Code) and establish a Wildland Urban Interface Zone (WUI Zone) in which the requirements of the WUI Code will be enforced; and

Whereas, the Town, in collaboration with the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District, has produced a map establishing the boundaries of the WUI Zone; and

Whereas, the WUI Zone map was developed using tools developed by the Utah Forestry, Fire, and State Lands which are available on the Utah Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal, analysis of high resolution aerial photography, and on the ground field reconnaissance to address site specific conditions; and

Whereas, the Town Council finds that properties in the WUI Zone as identified on the WUI Zone map are at greater risk of damage from wildfire, and therefore it is desirable for the wildfire mitigation strategies contained in the WUI Code to be applied to these properties, and doing so will reduce the overall wildfire risk in the Town;

Now therefore, be it **ORDAINED** by the Springdale Town Council that Section 9-7-1 of the Town Code is amended to read as follows:

9-7-1: - FIRE CODES ADOPTED:

- A. The Town adopts the "State Fire Code", as that term is defined under U.C.A. § 53-7-102(5), which may be amended from time to time. The Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District (the "district") is authorized to provide fire protection services in the Town in accordance with the State Fire Code.
- B. The Town adopts the wildland urban interface code as identified in U.C.A. §15A-2-103(2), as modified by U.C.A. §15A-3-1101, and which may be amended from time to time. The Director of Community Development and Building Official, and their designees, are authorized to enforce the provisions of the wildland urban interface code. The provisions of the wildland urban interface code shall apply to all properties in the wildland urban interface (WUI) zone as shown on the WUI zone map maintained in the Town's Community Development Department.



ADOPTED by the Springdale Town Council this 10th day of June 2026.

Barbara Bruno
Barbara Bruno, Mayor

ROLL CALL VOTE		
R. Aton	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	No
B. Bruno	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	No
J. Burns	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	No
P. Cambell	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	No
K. Topham	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	No

Attest:

Kynda Sagers
Kynda Sagers, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE AND POSTING

I, Kyndal Sagers, acting on behalf of the Town of Springdale, hereby certify that the following public notice requirements were completed per Utah Code 63G-30-102 for Ordinance 2026-13:

- (1) Notice of Ordinance was posted to the Utah Public Notice Website on 6/11/2026.
- (2) Posted at the Springdale Town Hall, CCC, & PO on 6/11/2026.
- (3) Posted to the Springdale Town Code of Ordinances on its website 6/11/2026.


Kyndal Sagers, Town Clerk