

**CITY OF KEARNS COUNCIL**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-14

DATE: August 10, 2026

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15.08.011 OF THE KEARNS MUNICIPAL CODE TO REPLACE THE 2006 UTAH WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE WITH THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE TO COMPLY WITH H.B. 41**

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2025, the City of Kearns Council (“**Council**”) adopted Ordinance 2025-O-19 to comply with H.B. 48, which the Utah Legislature passed in 2025; and

WHEREAS, among other things, Ordinance 2025-O-19 enacted Section 15.08.011 of the Kearns Municipal Code to adopt the 2006 Edition of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code (“**2006 WUI Code**”); and

WHEREAS, during the 2026 Legislative Session, the Utah Legislature passed H.B. 41, which requires municipalities to replace the 2006 WUI Code with the 2024 edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (“**2024 WUI Code**”); and

WHEREAS, the Kearns Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on August 3, 2026, to consider amending Section 15.08.011 of the Kearns Municipal Code to replace the 2006 WUI Code with the 2024 WUI Code; and

WHEREAS, after taking public comment on the proposed amendment, the Kearns Planning Commission issued a favorable recommendation to the Council; and

WHEREAS, after considering the Kearns Planning Commission’s recommendation, the Council desires to amend Section 15.08.011 of the Kearns Municipal Code to comply with H.B. 41.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City of Kearns Council:

1. Amendment: Section 15.08.011 of the Kearns Municipal Code is repealed in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

**15.08.011 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code**

*The 2024 International 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. 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.

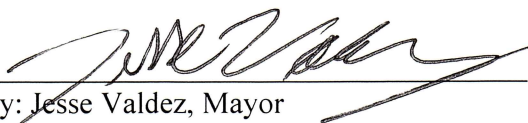
3. Direction to Mayor and Staff: The Mayor and staff are authorized and directed to take such steps as may be needed: (a) for this Ordinance to become effective under Utah law, including but not limited to compliance with the requirements of Utah Code § 10-3-711; and (b) to finalize and post the Ordinance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

4. 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 City of Kearns Council on this 10th day of August, 2026.

CITY OF KEARNS COUNCIL

  
By: Jesse Valdez, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Diana Baun, City Recorder

Voting:

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|----------------------------|--------|------------|
| Mayor Valdez               | voting | <u>aye</u> |
| Council Member Butterfield | voting | <u>aye</u> |
| Council Member Colby       | voting | <u>aye</u> |
| Council Member Longtin     | voting | <u>aye</u> |
| Council Member Schaeffer   | voting | <u>aye</u> |

*(Complete as Applicable)*

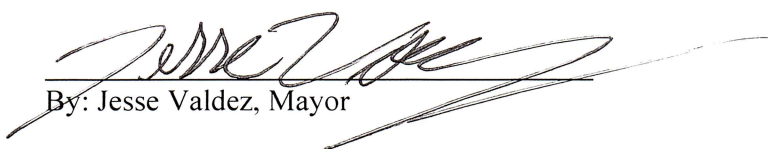
Date ordinance summary was posted to the City of Kearns website, the Utah Public Notice website, and in a public place within City of Kearns per Utah Code §10-3-711: August 11, 2026

Effective date of ordinance: August 11, 2026

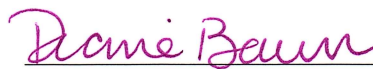
**SUMMARY OF  
CITY OF KEARNS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-14**

On August 10, 2026, the City of Kearns Council enacted Ordinance No. 2026-O-14, which amends Section 15.08.011 of the Kearns Municipal Code to replace the 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code with the 2024 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code to comply with H.B. 41.

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A complete copy of Ordinance No. 2026-O-14 is available in the office of the City of Kearns Clerk, 860 Levoy Drive, Suite 300, Taylorsville, Utah 84123.



# Ordinance Amendment

**Meeting Body:** City Council

**Meeting Date:** August 10, 2026

**File Number & Project Type:**

OAM2026-001644

Amending 15.08.011 of the Kearns Code to replace the 2006 Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code with the 2024 International Wildland Urban Interface Code.

**Planner:**

Curtis Woodward

**Key Findings:**

- HB41 (2026 general session) requires all municipalities to adopt this code.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Adoption of the ordinance

**Exhibits:**

A. Proposed ordinance

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

H.B. 41, passed by the Utah Legislature in 2026, has amended 15A-2-103 of the Utah Code to specify that the 2024 edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code is the edition adopted by the State of Utah. This ordinance amendment is to keep Kearns Code in line with state code.

## PUBLIC INPUT

No public comments have been received as of the completion of this staff report. Any comments that are received will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review and will be summarized at the hearing on July 9.

## ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

### Analysis and Summary:

The 2024 edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC) has been adopted by the State of Utah as being adopted and endorsed by the International Code Council. As a more up to date version of the code, the 2024 IWUIC acknowledges the use of currently available fire-resistant construction techniques and materials.

### Recommendation:

Planning Staff recommends approval of the ordinance change to adopt the 2024 edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC).

## PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

On August 3, 2026, the planning commission recommended approval of application OAM2025-001539 to amend Title 15, adopting the 2024 edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code.