

Arvada Sustainability Advisory Committee (ASAC) Minutes

January 14, 2026, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Hybrid meeting: Arvada City Hall, 3rd Floor CCR Room + Zoom Meeting

Name, Role	Term Exp	Attendance	Name, Role	Term Exp	Attendance
ASAC Member Attendance:					
Alex Pray, Chair	2027	X	Kia Ruiz	2027	X
Dar-Lon Chang, Vice Chair	2026	X	Krystle Morey, Member	2026	A
Kristin Klipka, Secretary	2028	X	Laurel Mattrey, Member	2026	X
Aaron Coffeen, Member	2026	A	Mark Jelinske, Member	2027	X
Emma Boff, Member	2027	X	Michelle Martin, Member	2027	V
Haley Hall, Member	2028	X	Rachael Smallwood, Member	2028	A
Harriet Hall, Member	2027	V	Marissa LaPorta, Member	2028	X
Arvada Team:			Guests:		
Randy Moorman, Council Liaison		X	Kyley Flynn, City of Arvada, Chief Building Official		X
Steven Russell, Staff Liaison		X	Steven Parker, Arvada Fire		X
Eric Lewin, Staff Liaison		V	Heather Whitaker, City of Arvada		X
Jaqueline Rhoades, Staff Liaison		A	Adam Quintana, City of Arvada		X
			Shaunna Mozingo, Mozingo Group		X

X = Present, in person | V = Virtual participant | A = Absent

Minutes

Note: An AI note-taking service was invited to the ASAC meeting by a guest. AI services are not allowed in City of Arvada operations. The AI was removed when discovered, but was present for approximately half of the meeting.

Convene

- Convened at 5:34
- Land Acknowledgement
- *Approval of December minutes*
 - Mark motioned, Dar-Lon seconded; passed unanimously by voice vote

Public Comment

- Charlie Grant Walker, resident of Whisper Creek neighborhood
 - Curious about the role for ASAC in finalizing CASAP
 - Alex responded that the ASAC role is supportive, and supporting city staff
- Karen Gerbach,
 - Member of Parks Committee and community member at Geos neighborhood
 - Participated in public comment for the CASAP

- Parks Committee is working on Parks Master Plan. They don't want to re-invent the wheel in places where ASAC and city sustainability program have already done some work
 - Alex - don't have many concrete actions built out yet; will do action plans on prioritized items from CASAP
- Curious about some items mentioned in CASAP: custom native seed mix and biocontrols for weeds suppression
 - Steven R: Not sure if the native seed mix is commercially available. It is a selective mix our Open Space Team designed with a local provider; composed of native vegetation with a preference for low-profile vegetation. Another affiliated community member sent an email asking about this as well. Steven R will follow up with staff for more info on the vendor.

**Kristi motioned to move guest speakers up on the agenda ; seconded by Kia and passed by voice vote

Guest presentation: 2024 Arvada Building and Energy Code Update

- Speaker: Kyley Flynn, Chief Building Official, City of Arvada
 - Overview of Building code in Arvada
 - Current: 2018 IRC, IBC, IMC, IFGC, IFC, IPC, IEBC, IECC, ISPSC ; 2009 IPMC ; 2023 NEC ; Adoption by reference- 2009 ICC A117.1
 - Proposed/in progress: 2024 IRC, IBC, IMC, IFGC, IFC, IPC, IEBC, IECC, ISPSC, IPMC ; 2026 NEC ; Adoption by reference- 2011 ICC A117.1 ; New! wildfire code- Arvada wildfire resiliency code ; New! Adoption of LECC
 - Ideally we update BC every 3 years (Arvada skipped the last cycle)
 - Process:
 - Codes published by International Code Council + Model Codes
 - Anyone can submit a code dev proposal; public comment + industry experts propose to ICC for development
 - Building codes are constantly in flux; codes advance with new technologies over time; i.e. AI for building code reference, drone and virtual tech, new communication strategies
 - Benefits
 - Safety is priority
 - Economic benefits
 - Property value and quality
 - Energy efficiency
 - Many more
 - This round of updates
 - 22 code books reviewed, plus model codes, network, etc.
 - After adoption, we usually find little things that need to be fixed
 - Develop new redlines, guides, handouts, resources + this time we made videos
 - Training and outreach
 - DRCOG supporting implementation + Arvada received large grant for additional staff to assist
 - Plan for final implementation in July

- 20 laws that affect building/energy code, esp:
 - (HB22-1362) Colorado Statewide Energy Code
 - (SB23-166) Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code
- Will share a list of significant changes. Top 3:
 - IECC: EV ready, Solar ready, electric ready, and ev installed spaces & LECC
 - WUIC/ CWRC: Defensible space and assembly requirements
 - IRC: Residential sprinkler systems
 - Alex Can you explain the amendment adoption?
 - Kyley we're only proposing to take out amendments and use code for what it is; not designed to prevent construction, limit design; protect freedom
 - Mark: Code minimum is the worst building
 - Kyley: Minimum standard of life safety, public welfare we can meet; anyone can go above that,
 - Kyley: highlighting these as top 3 cuz they're impactful, have costs associated
- Who else is adopting these codes? Many, and Arvada is in the front of the pack
 - Most are adopting 2024 ICC and Model Electric-Ready + Solar-Ready Code; we're staying consistent, moving beyond this to LECC
 - LECC will be required with any edits made after July this year. After reading through and familiarizing, we've decided we're going to adopt now.
- By the numbers
 - Permits increasing over time; mechanical residential permits (heat pumps) are #1
 - Commercial projects just over 100
 - Just over 4500 for existing residential buildings

Guest presentation: 2024 International Fire Code Update

- Speaker: Steven Parker, Arvada Fire District
 - Residential sprinklers
 - Golden, westy, commerce city, superior, erie, lakewood, boulder, lafayette and Wheat Ridge (townhomes only)
 - Fire Code compliance estimated at about 1% of cost of house; varies from there
 - Proven systems for safety/protection
 - Updates/amendments of note
 - Goal: keep the code as simple as possible
 - Operational permits:
 - Lithium ion batteries (prescriptive requirement)
 - Sky lantern (prescriptive fire code allows- but added some requirements)
 - Temporary sheltering (unhoused sheltering);
 - Safety requirements and time of use limits
 - Valet trash
 - Rural fire apparatus access roads
 - Mostly from Jeffco Road & Transport Manual
 - Narrower roads
 - Driveways
 - Typical driveways not allowed for fire apparatus access

- Open burning
 - Prohibited in WUI areas unless portable fireplaces, recreational fires, and vegetation management
 - Sky Lanterns
 - Added some requirements; i.e. tethering so they don't free fly
 - Retroactive manual fire alarm systems
 - Apts with 24+ units or 4+ stories
 - Smoke detectors better than manual alarms
 - Stairwells in buildings under construction
 - Required at 20' instead of 40'
 - Fire flow requirements
 - Went back to prescriptive reduction of 75% for sprinklered buildings
 - Fire apparatus access roads - loading
 - Increased from 85k to 90k lbs
 - Valet trash
 - Only allowed in sprinklered buildings
- WUI code
 - Statutory req for anyone in a state defined wildfire risk area;
 - Requirements increase safety/protection and resilience to wildfire
 - We are mimicking JeffCo code
- Q&A
 - Alex: reactive enforcement side - any things unpermitted you're seeing more than others?
 - Kyley: building code often misunderstood- If a developer gets a stop work order, just come talk to us; our goal is not to collect money, it's to get to compliance and safety
 - Retroactive permits and enforcement: It's easier now to see if something is permitted or not;
 - Realtors, insurance companies, etc. are reporting
 - Old permits sometimes can't be extended;
 - Lots of common replacements, etc. need to be permitted (toilets, sinks, etc.)
 - Enforcement is largely a complaint-driven activity, happens often
 - Emma: What is arveda doing about single-stair issue:
 - Steven P: involved with legislation; people should be comfortable. It's frightening and new (scary), but fire protection in these buildings far above/beyond current
 - Most fire marshalls were against it, but had to get something in there; seeing demand, it was clear it would happen, so we needed to make it as safe as possible
 - Emma: inspector from our permit dinged us for electrical work then gave his card for electrical work; happy with the process and equipment upgrade overall, just noting that sometimes contractors have conflict of interest
 - Mark: Are redlines available?
 - Kyley: not public yet; will share with Council first

General Business

- Updates from Committee members

- Laurel: Free IECC workshops
 - Free to attend, local contractors provide free training. ASAC folks interested in learning more, check out:
 - <https://www.shumscoda.com/services/professional-education/>
 - <https://socgov27.my.site.com/COCodesHelpline/s/>
- Dar-Lon: Jeffco Susty Commission
 - JeffCo organizing an alternate transit for schools program
 - I.e. "bike buses" where caravan to school
 - Electric busses
 - Looking for land for a regional composting center for JeffCo
 - Trying to do all this with a 2500 budget for susty commission
 - Also organizing a 2500 grant for JeffCo Sustainability summit for youth
 - Goal: get students exposed to climate action - goal 50 students
 - Similar to Denver summit
- Kia: Safe routes to schools - there are grants for schools/parkways
 - Temporary funding for one-off projects (i.e. sidewalk grading)
- Alex: There is a safe route to schools program at Seacrest Elementary
- Kia: FRSC has moved to organizing via a whatsapp group
 - Holding 7:30 am morning meetings
 - Ask Kia for more info if you want to get involved
- Alex: Personal heat pump journey
 - More and more contractors on board for HEAR program
 - Many types of contractors, growing list of approved contractors
 - Lots of funding available for this
 - Personal project going to cover a lot between personal, Xcel, and other funds ; will cover about 50% of cost all together
 - We just shared a link to HEAR in the susty newsletter
- Kia:
 - Neighborhood services reaching out for to ask neighborhoods: what do you want from NS mini grants this year?
 - Asked for permission to offer ASAC as a resource for grant planning; how do we want to go about this?
 - Steven R: Parking lot?
 - Kia: Yes- let's pick up after CASAP
- Alex: Received a thank-you email about comprehensive plan update from Speak-up Arvada; wanted to note that this got 109 ppl on survey.
 - CASAP got more responses ;-).
- Updates from Council Liaison (Randy Moorman)
 - This tuesday Jan 20: workshop on west 72 bond project
 - Jan 27 comp plan workshop
 - Feb 10 CASAP workshop
 - Dar-Lon: when is the vote scheduled?
 - Steven: not scheduled yet. We're going to see what the response is and plan time to implement final changes before bringing back to Council for a vote
- Updates from Staff Liaison (Steven Russell)
 - CASAP final edits

- Following up on late additions and lingering comments
 - CASAP public comment period
 - Outreach helped! Responses grew significantly following ASAC engagement.
 - 402 gross responses, net 269 responses after deduping and removing blanks
 - Reviewing results currently, here's what we can say now:
 - 150 substantive/actionable critiques/comments submitted
 - 74 (27.5% of respondents) signed LOS - this is awesome!
 - 34 Community highlights were recommended
 - Roughly 20% of respondents expressed climate change denialism and/or opposition to action in their open comments
 - Used qualitative analysis to tag these respondents and analyze how their responses vary from other respondents; some significant differences.
 - Assigned scores of .5 for expressions of anti-action sentiment or 1 for expressions of climate denialism;
 - Scores totaled to identify "anti-sustainability sentiment" group if they exceeded threshold
 - Threshold was set conservatively at 1.5, which allowed for one expression of climate change denialism and 2 expressions of opposition to action/policy
 - Received feedback today to split out the 'pro sustainability/supporters' group from the 'mixed, unclear, or neutral support' group separately from supporters as well; need to go back and re-score supporters
 - Approval/support is mixed, but present:
 - 59.9% of all respondents say the vision aligns with their vision for sustainable future moderately, very, or extremely well (74.2% among neutral/supportive group; 3.8% among anti-sustainability group)
 - Priorities:
 - Quality of Life
 - Natural Resources :: Cost & Efficiency
 - Climate Action
 - Equity & Inclusion - weighted very low, by both groups
 - Discussion: Equity was not prioritized by the respondents to public comment. We're going to couch this in a narrative that explains that equity was identified as a priority by earlier outreach effort, and that Arvada as an organization values equity & inclusion. Will ask Council to review the discrepancy and provide guidance.
 - Laurel: Was the format that this was put out done a way to get more input on equity?
 - Kristi: This survey was only online and only in english; may have missed populations that care more about equity

- Alex: In the survey where were the questions on equality? The way the document was done does not call out equity in sustainability and this could be why we are seeing the numbers we are.
 - Q: Is there a space for ASAC to say we were involved in CASAP in the way it was done?
 - A: during outreach and comments in support of CASAP
 - Q: Are the anti sustainability people the same who didn't read the whole document?
 - Steven R: did not break the data out this way, but I'm skeptical that people answered this question honestly, across the board. 49% "read entire document" and 40% "read part of the document"; this is a very impressive level of commitment on part of respondents, if true.
 - Theming in progress
- Discussion:
 - Q: Do people want to see more actions vs visions?
 - Steven R: Yes, this was noted by many respondents, as well as by City Manager and Mayor Pro Tem Moorman; in response, planning to add some text explaining the action planning process, and provide an example.
 - Mark: ASAC can help out with this and help call out the actions Arvada is/is not taking (volunteered to act as ASAC Police)
 - Dar-Lon: getting people to make public comments in person at CC what is the best way and dates to do so?
 - Steven R: recommended checking out the recent public comment coordinated by Geos and Friends of Ralston; this was masterful public comment, recommends emulating for CASAP.
 - Link:
 - <https://youtu.be/ELtv4XAAF6k?t=4910&si=ItWBNeP4tr2K3pQA>
- Next steps:
 - Staff will meet with Councilmembers Davis, Fiffer, and Griffiths for 1:1 meetings.
 - ASAC Members will seek to meet with Mayor Simpson and Councilmembers Ambrose and Lovisone.
 - A member asked Steven R to send a calendar invite to ASAC for 2/10 meeting
 - Link:
 - <https://www.arvadaco.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=3265&month=2&year=2026&day=10&calType=0>
- Waste Diversion Action Plan follow-up:
 - Staff have met and strategized around follow-up questions from 10/28 Council meeting re: Waste Diversion Action Plan
 - Steven R will work with staff to distribute a Council Memo and offer to meet and share additional data
- Boards, Committees, and Commissions working group
 - Steven provided an update on staff-led effort to standardize practices and policies for Arvada's Boards, Committees, and Commissions

- Steven is in the bylaws and ordinances group; staff are drafting template updates to all BCCs; will ensure ASAC bylaws issues are discussed
- Communications:
 - Going to bimonthly newsletter; will improve cadence and make administering a little easier
 - Kudos Kristi for work on newsletter content
 - Kristi: This schedule has us skipping February, which is the month we do CASAP update to Council. Asked Steven to check with Comms about doing a bulletin/update in February
- Steven R: There's a tabling opportunity for WinterFest on 2/28. Purpose: newsletter signup and celebrating CASAP. Can a couple members from ASAC help staff this?
 - Kia: We will not be sorting waste?
 - Steven: No
 - Multiple members volunteered. Steven will arrange for table.
- Fleet Electrification Advisory Program report received by staff late 2025; currently in review; staff is working with contractor to revise parts of report
 - Kristi recommended an NREL website for interpreting FEAP; JeffCo used this resource to understand their report; Kristi will share with Steven R

New Business

ASAC letter of support for CASAP

- Kia read draft out loud
- Alex: We want to get approval of the document in spirit today, can make verbal agreements on edits, but need a vote today; Alex will note what members want to amend/add to this. Currently has on list:
 - 1. Clearly state that "as the City's appointed advisory committee, we recommend"
- Laurel: It's missing a statement about how city staff have extensively reviewed and are in agreement with CASAP; confident in implementability
 - Kia: they have asked staff to make decisions before
 - Alex added this to the list of edits
- Laurel: do we want to address equity like this, given the responses to Public Comment?
 - Kia: We are their advisory committee; we ought to advise
 - Alex: I don't think we want to call out that community engagement didn't reach a fully representative demographic
 - Laurel: our comments about 'diverse perspectives' etc. ; do we want to say that?
 - Alex: this is one data point; let's stay on message
 - Kia: it's also kind of culturally where we are
 - Marissa: Can we soften the language in the sentence, say "it's inclusive and we did a lot of community engagement"
 - Alex: would argue that it was extensive outreach? Could have definitely done better at reaching hard-to-reach communities... but there was a lot of outreach at the end of the day
 - Laurel: Let's change 'We feel like we've reached diverse communities' to 'we did extensive engagement'

- Harriet: we're getting there; underscore that this community engagement was extensive compared to other city plans; it's also impressive we got as many responses as we did; better to rest on those facts than criticize ourselves
- Kristi: Proposed that in our letter, we add a sentence demonstrating that equity is important value for sustainability; balance that the city could have done better, considering language inclusivity especially
- Alex: We can still say that the plan has a focus here, that's a priority; something about all the sectors
- Alex summarized 3 points to address:
 - Reinforce that we're an advisory committee, at council's service; we recommend their approval
 - Add language about city staff involvement in creation, vetting, etc. ; align with city staff priorities
 - Soften language about outreach, while bolstering inclusion of equity in plan and why equity matters in sustainability
- Kristi motions to move forward with this language, including those three changes. Kia seconded; passed unanimously via voice vote
- Kristi: Shout out to Krystle for drafting
- Alex will finalize language in draft so we have a "clean" copy for Council

Outreach mobilization in support of CASAP

- Alex: Let's discuss ongoing outreach and support
 - Continue outreach to targets, still opportunities for support
 - Told a story about engaging with a skeptic on Nextdoor; Advocated for having a conversation, even and especially with detractors
 - Kia: let's mobilize a plan for the 2/3 meeting; that's the last public comment before 2/10. Also a great chance to get our youth involved
 - Alex: Don't want to say no to any public comment; doesn't need to be perfectly organized
 - Steven R: recapped some notes from ASAC officer call and shared that he will do outreach with Councilmembers Fiffer, Davis, and Griffiths; recommended ASAC reach out to Councilmembers Lovisone, Ambrose, and Mayor Simpson
 - Laurel: it would be good to get some notes about known concerns among Councilmembers, so we can plan to address those head on
 - Kristi: can we develop a 1-pager with talking points in the drive?
 - Dar-Lon- asked Steven R to share the talking points list from APA meeting
 - Alex: advises speaking to your expertise; don't need to be an expert on everything
- Alex: also discussed having a more consistent follow-up cadence for these meetings; keep an eye out for email follow-up with action items
- Emma: Cousin is a developer for 64th apartments project; shared packet with Emma; has a write-up sharing what you could outline for the letter;
- Steven R will share link to the geos public comment session, great model for coordinating public comment
- A member requested that Steven R share a calendar invite to the 2/10 Council meeting
- A member asked Steven R to connect with the Comms team to see if we can send an update/reminder

Adjourn

- Alex adjourned meeting at 7:43

Actions:

- Steven R send a calendar invite for 2/10
 - <https://www.arvadaco.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=3265&month=2&year=2026&day=10&calType=0>
- Steven R ask KP about feb update
- SR send link to Geos public comment session
 - <https://youtu.be/ELtv4XAAF6k?t=4910&si=ItWBNeP4tr2K3pQA>
- SR send talking points document
- Emma share packet from 64th apartments project
- SR connect with Open Space to gather and share info on custom seed mix and grazing program. Follow up with Karen Gersbach and Daniel Murray

2024 Building Code Adoption



History of Codes and Proposed Codes

- City of Arvada current adopted codes
 - 2018 IRC, IBC, IMC, IFGC, IFC, IPC, IEBC, IECC, ISPSC
 - 2009 IPMC
 - 2023 NEC
 - Adoption by reference- 2009 ICC A117.1
- City of Arvada proposed new building codes
 - 2024 IRC, IBC, IMC, IFGC, IFC, IPC, IEBC, IECC, ISPSC, IPMC
 - 2026 NEC
 - Adoption by reference- 2011 ICC A117.1
 - New! wildfire code- Arvada wildfire resiliency code
 - New! Adoption of **LECC**
- History/ Background
 - Building Codes- One of the oldest government functions ranging from ancient times
 - First Adopted Building Codes in Arvada- October 10th, 1955
 - 18th Building code adoption in Arvada History

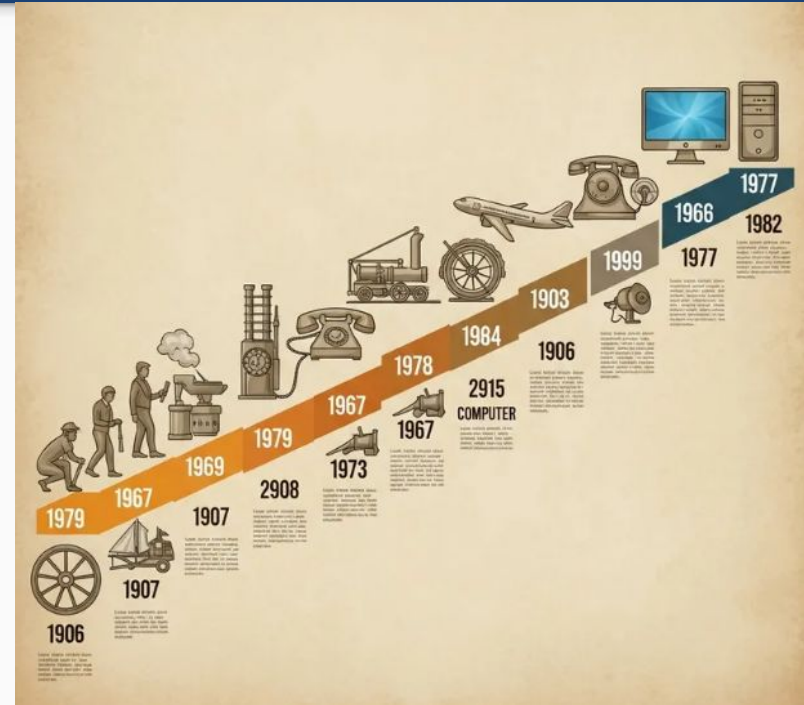
ICC & Code Development Process

- Codes from ICC- International Code Council
- Model Codes
- ICC updates the Model Building Codes every three (3) years
- Anyone can submit a code development proposal
- Voted on by industry experts, contractors, designers, design professionals through public comment and a committee of experts
- Communities all over the world adopt the same ICC model codes in the same fashion and all 50 states utilize these codes
- Continuous growing and improving

Why do we adopt building codes?

Industry and communities progress and so do Building Codes!

- AI
- Robots and computers in construction
- New materials and innovations such as greener building materials
- AR and VR training
- QR codes in code books
- Drone usage
- Virtual tool usage
- Communication strengthened
- Online codes
- Modular structures and pre-manufactured structures becoming more common
- Safety becoming more and more important
- Housing becoming more and more important
- New legislation impacting codes
- Energy efficiency, green codes and sustainability efforts amping up
- New products and needs of communities and environment and weather changes
- Disasters and lessons learned



Benefits of Building Code Adoption

- **Benefits of Building Codes**

- Life safety
- Disaster Resilience
- Economic Savings
- Energy efficiency
- Property value and Quality
- Updated code replace outdated provisions
- Allows for vetted modern practices and new materials and innovations
- Faster recovery after disaster strikes
- ISO BCEGS rating
- Regular updates streamlines permitting process
- Community resiliency
- Potential of reduction of insurance rates and coverage where coverage without building codes and permitted work may not be possible
- Building codes work together as a family
- New codes constantly updated so they are clearer, have more options, are more widely accessible
- Consistency among surrounding communities leads to predictable costs and reciprocity
- Improve public health and general welfare

Arvada's Approach and Outreach

- Review the 2021 versions and the 2024 versions of codes
- Review multiple state codes
- Review legislation affecting adoption
- Review all significant changes
- Customizing codes for Arvada's needs
- Drafting "redlines"
- Review with other departments
- Training staff and the public
- Updating all guides, handouts, website and other resources.
Creating new resources where needed
- Community outreach and Public information
- Stakeholder outreach: BCAB, ASAC, HAC, HBA
- Surrounding community outreach
- DRCOG
- Comparison of what other communities are doing
- Joining workshops, training events, classes, etc. to prepare staff and understand changes
- Create implementation plan and put steps in place to help people plan their projects
- Budgeting ahead of time to prepare for costs such as new books and training
- Looking for grants where possible to help
- Plan for ongoing training and outreach!

Legislation Affecting Adoption

- ★● (HB22-1362) Colorado Statewide Energy Code
 - (HB23-1233) Electric Vehicle Charging and Parking
 - (HB24-1173) Electric Vehicle Charging System Permits
- ★● (SB23-166) Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code
 - (HB25-1030) Accessibility Standards in Building Codes
 - (SB25-002) Regional Building Code for Factory Built Structures
 - (HB24-1152) Accessory Dwelling Units
 - (HB24-01239) Single Exit Stairway
 - (HB24-01362) Graywater Use
 - (HB23-00206) Radon Professional Licensing

Top 3 Significant Changes

★ 1. IECC: EV ready, Solar ready, electric ready and ev installed spaces & LECC

- Up front costs added to construction with long term savings
- Need for planning of infrastructure
- The LECC will have impacts related to the use of COMchecks currently used on nearly every commercial project in Arvada and Residential impacts include penalties for fuel burning appliances (point system) that impact mostly larger homes over 5,000 sf.

★ 2. WUIC/ CWRC: Defensible space and assembly requirements

- Up front costs added to construction
- Regulates existing maintenance of a structure like a property maintenance code
- Defensible space will be an change
- Additional plan reviews needed that weren't required before

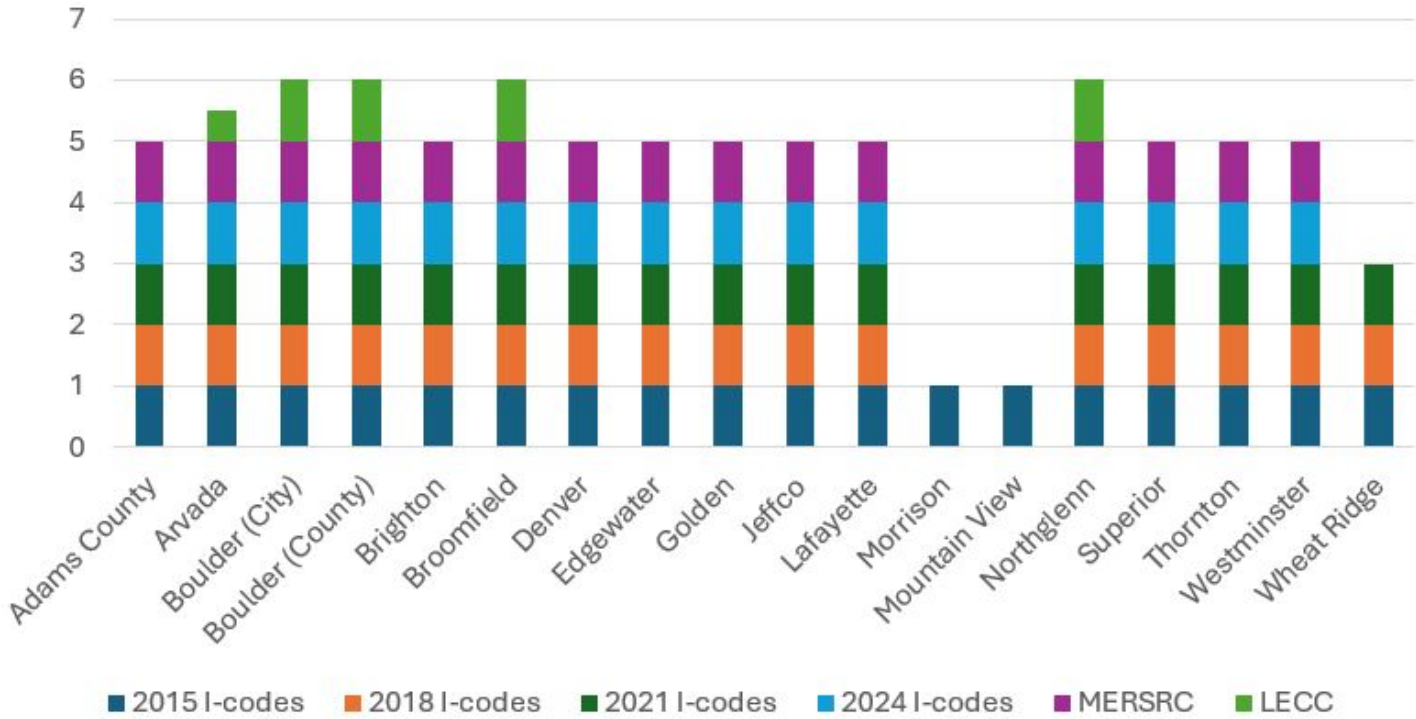
★ 3. IRC: Residential Sprinkler Systems- proposing to remove amendments

- Up front costs added to construction
- Protects investment of home, saves lives!

Who Else is Adopting the 2024 I-codes?

- Adams County
- Boulder (City)
- Boulder (County)
- Brighton
- Broomfield
- Denver (Denver code based on 24' codes)
- Edgewater
- Fort Collins
- Golden
- Greenwood Village
- Jeffco
- Lafayette
- Larimer County
- Littleton
- Longmont
- Louisville
- Northglenn
- Superior
- Thornton
- Westminster
- Wheatridge

ENERGY CODE ADOPTION STATUSES



2024 International Fire Code Update

October 31, 2025



Our Family Helping Your Family

Residential Sprinklers

- City of Wheat Ridge
 - Townhouses only
- Other area municipalities
 - Golden
 - Westminster
 - Commerce City
 - Superior
 - Erie
 - Lakewood
 - Boulder
 - Lafayette

Code Changes and Amendments to Note

- Operational Permits
 - Lithium-Ion batteries
 - Sky lanterns
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 - Valet trash
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- Driveways
 - Typical driveways not allowed for fire apparatus access.
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 - Prohibited in WUI areas unless portable fireplaces, recreational fires, and vegetation management.
 - Provided a list of prohibited materials allowed to be burned
- Sky Lanterns
 - Additional provisions

Code Changes and Amendments to Note

- Retroactive Manual Fire Alarm Systems
 - Allow interior corridor R-2's to meet exemption
 - Increased number of units from 16 to 24 to be exempted
- Stairwells In Buildings Under Construction
 - Changed it to be required at 20' rather than 40'
- Fire Flow Requirements
 - Went back to prescriptive reduction of 75% for sprinklered buildings

Code Changes and Amendments to Note

- Fire Apparatus Access Roads – Loading
 - Increased from 85k pounds to 90k pounds
- Valet Trash
 - Added the requirement that this can only be done in a sprinklered building

WUI Code

- Jefferson County
 - Creating their own code that will meet or exceed State code
 - IGA between Arvada Fire and Jeffco for enforcement
 - Adopted by March 31st, 2026
- City of Arvada
 - Leaning toward adopting Jeffco's code
 - Working on enforcement responsibilities now
 - Adopted by March 31st, 2026
- City of Wheat Ridge
 - Will look at adopting at a later date*

Questions?



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