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**BOULDER COUNTY FIRE CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE
DOCKET #FCRC-14-0005
PUBLIC HEARING
FOUR MILE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CODE (2012
IFC)
Tuesday, September 23, 2014 – 1:30 P.M.
Boulder County Land Use Department
Caribou Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Annex
2045 13th St., Boulder, CO 80302**

Staff: Gary Goodell, Chief Building Official, Secretary to the Fire Code Review Committee

The Four Mile Fire Protection District (“FPD”) lies generally in the south central mountainous area of the unincorporated county west of the City of Boulder. The district is bounded to the east by Boulder Rural FPD, to the south by the Rocky Mountain, Sugarloaf and Indian Peaks fire districts, to the west by Indian Peaks and to the north by the Gold Hill and Sunshine FPDs.

The district’s board of directors has adopted the 2012 edition of the International Fire Code (“IFC”), including Appendices B, C, D, E, F, G, and I, by resolution dated July 22, 2014 (attached). The proposed adoption is similar to the adoptions previously recommended for approval by the Fire Code Review Committee for the Boulder Rural, Hygiene and Left Hand fire protection districts.

Staff has a number of positive comments on the proposed fire code adoption:

1. **2012 Edition.** Adopting the latest edition of the International Fire Code (“IFC”) is encouraged, and this correlates well with the county’s current adoption of the 2012 International Codes.
2. **Consistency.** As we move toward more fire districts updating their codes to the most current version, everyone involved in design, construction, codes administration and the ownership and operations of buildings and facilities benefits through improved consistency with county regulations as well as from one district to another.
3. **Permits.** As with recent adoptions by other districts, the district has reviewed the various categories of operational and construction permits in Section 105 of the published IFC and has either retained or deleted them based upon the district’s needs as well as their ability or desire to administer the permitting, plan review, inspections and record-keeping that is involved.

One relatively minor item is that the district has proposed to adopt Appendices E and G, which, on their title pages, contain the language, “This appendix is for information purposes and is not intended for adoption.” If, as stated, the appendix is not intended for adoption, there is no reason

for the district to formally adopt these appendices and assume the greater responsibility of enforcing them as part of their adopted fire code. On the other hand, the district may have specific reasons for including the adoption of these appendices.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Fire Code Review Committee recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the proposed Four Mile FPD Fire Code be ACCEPTED for administration by the district in those portions of unincorporated Boulder County that lie within the boundaries of the Four Mile Fire Protection District, subject to the recommended CONDITION that Appendices E and G be deleted from the list of appendices being adopted.

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Attachment: Four Mile FPD Fire Code Adopting Resolution dated July 22, 2014