### WASATCH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

## A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY FOR THE WASATCH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-02**

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Wasatch County Fire Protection Special Service District (the "District") is a special service district established by the County Council of Wasatch County, Utah, pursuant to the provisions of Utah law, for the purpose of providing fire and life safety services within the boundaries of the Wasatch County; and

WHEREAS, the District is charged with protecting life and property within its jurisdiction, including those areas designated as Wildland-Urban Interface Zones; and

WHEREAS, Wasatch County has formally adopted the Wildland-Urban Interface Code ("WUIC") and has designated the Fire Chief of the District as the Fire Code Official, pursuant to Wasatch County Code Sections 14.01.04(5) and 15.02.01; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the need for a clear and equitable enforcement policy to ensure compliance with the requirements of the WUIC across all areas of its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt a penalty structure and associated WUIC enforcement mechanisms consistent with Wasatch County Code Section 14.01.08 and other applicable state and local laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Fire Board of Directors (the "Board") hereby resolves as follows:

1. That it approves and adopts the Wildland-Urban Interface Enforcement Policy, as set forth on Exhibit A hereto, but subject to non-material changes approved by the Fire Chief and the District's legal counsel.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14 day of October, 2025.

By: Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

District Clerk

## **VOTING:**

# EXHIBIT A

#### WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE – ENFORCEMENT POLICY

### A. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Enforcement Policy is to set forth the means that the Fire District may use to enforce compliance with applicable requirements of the Wildland-Urban Interface Code ("WUIC"). This Enforcement Policy will apply to the entire service area of the Fire District, but may be applied differently in different jurisdictions based on the laws of those jurisdictions.

## B. Authority.

Wasatch County has formally adopted the WUIC, and has designated the chief of the Fire District as the fire code official. See Wasatch County Code 14.01.04(5) and 15.02.01. The WUIC authorizes the code official to administer both the WUIC and ordinances of the jurisdiction pertaining to designated wildland-urban interface areas.

#### C. Enforcement Mechanisms

Pursuant to the WUIC, the Wasatch County Code, and other applicable state and local laws, the Fire District may employ any of the following mechanisms to obtain compliance with the WUIC:

- 1. Correction Agreements. When a new home is ready for occupancy, except for the installation of WUIC-compliant landscaping, during a time of year in which planting is impractical, the Fire District may approve the Certificate of Occupancy on the condition that the owner enter into a Correction Agreement that will be recorded against the property. The Correction Agreement will require the owner to install WUIC-compliant landscaping by a specific date during the next planting season (the "Correction Deadline"). Penalties will accrue until the WUIC-compliant landscaping has been installed, but such penalties will be waived if the owner installs the WUIC-compliant landscaping by the Correction Deadline. If the owner fails to install the WUIC-compliant landscaping by the Correction Deadline, the Fire District may enforce the terms of the Correction Agreement, and all unpaid penalties will constitute a valid lien on the property on a parity with and collected at the same time and in the same manner as general county taxes that are a lien on the property.
- 2. Notices of Violation. For existing structures that are not in compliance with the WUIC, the Fire District may issue a Notice of Violation. Such Notices shall identify the name, location, date of violation, explanation of violation with specific references to applicable codes, and the date by which the violation must be corrected. In addition, the Notice of Violation must include information regarding the appeal process. Notices of Violation must be served in accordance with the WUIC.
- 3. **Recording Notices of Violation**. If a property remains out of compliance following the expiration of the date set forth in the Notice of Violation, the Fire District may record the Notice of Violation in the official records of the Wasatch County Recorder, in accordance with Wasatch County Code 14.01.08(2)(j).

4. Civil Penalties. Pursuant to Wasatch County Code, 14.01.08, the Fire District may assess a fine of up to \$750 per day, per violation. Pursuant to this Enforcement Policy, fines for non-compliance with the WUIC will be \$50 per day, whether enforced through a Correction Agreement or through a Notice of Violation. Unpaid fines will constitute a valid lien on the property on a parity with and collected at the same time and same manner as general county taxes that are a lien on the property.

The foregoing enforcement mechanisms are not exclusive. The Fire District may seek to compel performance with the WUIC in any manner allowed by applicable law, including the filing of civil and/or criminal enforcement actions. Moreover, the foregoing enforcement mechanisms may be exercised individually or collectively, in any order or manner deemed reasonable and necessary under the circumstances.

## **D.** Appeal Process

A property owner may appeal enforcement actions taken by the Fire District pursuant to this Enforcement Policy.

- 1. Notice of Appeal. The notice of appeal must be in writing and delivered to the Fire District. It shall state: "Appeal", and shall include the name of the appellant, a description of the property or project at issue, the action that is being appealed, the basis for which the appellant claims the Fire District has wrongfully or incorrectly applied the WUIC, and shall provide all supporting evidence and arguments the appellant has supporting their claim. Upon receipt of an appeal, an appeal will be conducted in the same manner as an appeal of a land use decision in the applicable jurisdiction.
- 2. **Time**. Appeals must be mailed or hand delivered to the Fire District no later than ten calendar days after the action or decision of the Fire District being appealed.