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**the Provisions of This  
Chapter.**

**7-152 Commercial Businesses  
Restricted.**

**7-101 Building Official.**

There is hereby created the office of Building Official for the City of Rock Springs, to be conducted under the supervision of the City Inspector. (Ord. No. 170, Art. I, 3-17-19; 33-1, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963; Ord. No. 91-16.10-1-91).

**7-102 Appointment and Qualifications  
of Building Official.**

Said Building Official shall be appointed by the Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council. It shall be unlawful for the Building Official to engage in the building and construction business or in the business of selling material used in the building and construction business, either directly or indirectly, and he shall have no financial interest in any concern engaged in such business in the City of Rock Springs at any time while holding office as Building Official. Any violation of the provisions of this section by said Building Official shall be sufficient cause for his dismissal. (Ord. No. 170, 3-17-1919; 33-2, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963; Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91).

**7-103 Powers of Building Official.**

The said Building Official shall have full power to declare to be public nuisances all such buildings and structures, or part or walls thereof, as are evidently or palpably unsafe and dangerous as to fire, or have become unsafe and dangerous from fire, decay, or other cause, and shall institute such steps as may be necessary for the immediate abatement of any and all such nuisances. He shall have power to stop the construction of any building or the making of any repair, where the same is being done in violation of any Ordinance of this City. (Ord. No. 170, Art. I, Sec. 3, 3-17-19; 33-3, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963; Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91).

**7-104 Duties of Building Official.**

Such Building Official shall issue all permits for the erection, alteration, and moving of buildings or the making of repairs including electrical, plumbing and mechanical installation; shall keep a record of all the transactions of his office; shall report at least once each month to the City Council, giving a detailed statement of the permits issued by him during the preceding month. He shall examine all buildings in the course of erection, alteration, or repair throughout the City, as often as is practicable, and see that all the requirements of this Ordinance are complied with. In performance of his duties, the said Building Official shall have the right to enter any building or premises in the City of Rock Springs. (Ord. No. 170, Art. 1, Sec. 2, 3-17-19; 33-4, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963; Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91).

**7-105 Permit Required.**

(a) Required for Building, Construction, Alteration, Repair, Removal or Excavation. No person, association, or corporation shall within this City, erect a building or structure of any kind, or add to, or enlarge, or extend, alter, repair, or remove any building or structure, or excavate any cellar or lot without first obtaining a permit from the Building Official.

(b) Presentment to Contractor, Sub-Contractor or Builder. No contractor, sub-contractor or builder shall commence work upon any structure mentioned in sub-section (a) hereof until the permit therein referred to has been issued and exhibited by said contractor, sub-contractor or builder. When a contractor, sub-contractor or builder is employed, it shall be the responsibility of the contractor, sub-contractor or builder to obtain the proper permit. (Ord. No. 91-21,2-4-92).

(c) Sewer Connection Fee -- When Due. At the time said building permit is issued there shall be collected in addition to the fees of said building permit, fees as provided by ordinance for the privilege of connecting to the City sanitary sewer system in the event: Said property has not

previously been assessed in a special sewer district for the construction of the City sanitary sewer system, and the sanitary sewer is to be or has been installed, and a previous connecting fee has not been paid for said property. (Ord. No. 170, 3-17-1919; 33-5, Rev. Ord. 1938; Amend. Ord. 1179, 1-3-55; Rev. Ord. 1963; Ord. No. 76-16, 5-18-76).

(d) When work requiring a permit is commenced without first obtaining a building permit, an investigation fee equal to the amount of the building permit fee, but not less than \$250.00, may be collected. (Ord. No. 91-21,2-4-92).

#### **7-106 Application for Permit.**

Applications for permits shall state the exact site to be occupied, the material, dimensions, and estimated cost of the proposed building or structure, alteration or repair, and the probable time to be employed in completing the same, and the use to be made of such building. (Ord. No. 170, Art. I, 3-17-19; 33-6, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963).

#### **7-107 Issuance of Permit.**

The Building Official shall, if he approves the application, issue a building permit to the applicant, giving him permission to erect such building or structure, or make such alterations or repairs at the place and of the material and dimensions stated in the application. After receiving such permit, no change shall be made in the plan of construction, alteration, or repair of such building or structure without first applying for and receiving a permit authorizing such change. (Ord. No. 170, Art. I, 3-17-19; 33-7, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963).

#### **7-108 Plans and Specifications.**

Plans and specifications shall be submitted in accordance with the Uniform Building Code. Said plans and specifications shall be submitted with an application for a building permit and shall be reviewed for conformity with adopted codes and other City ordinances. Unless otherwise required,

as a minimum, two sets of construction drawings shall be submitted for all new construction, additions and alterations. Plans for minor alterations may be waived. (Ord. No. 170, Art. I, 3-17-19; 33-8, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963; Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91).

#### **7-108.1 Adoption by Reference of 1997 Edition of the Uniform Codes and 1997 International Plumbing Code..**

The provisions of this section shall "sunset" and repeal and be of no further force and effect on July 1, 2003. After July 1, 2003, refer to Section 7-108.4, Adoption by Reference of the 2012 Edition of the International Codes.

(Rev. Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12; Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12)

#### **7-108.2 Building Codes Appeal Board.**

The provisions of this section shall "sunset" and repeal and be of no further force and effect on July 1, 2003. After July 1, 2003, refer to Section 7-108.5, Building Codes Appeal Board.

(Rev. Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12; Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12)

#### **7-108.3 Adoption of Uniform Fire Code.**

The provisions of this section shall "sunset" and repeal and be of no further force and effect on July 1, 2003. After July 1, 2003, refer to Section 7-108.6, Adoption of International Fire Code.

(Rev. Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12; Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12)

#### **7-108.4 Adoption by Reference of the 2024 Edition of the International Codes.**

The following international codes and their appendices as listed, are adopted by reference, subject to the amendments in (a), (b) (c) and (d) below.

International Building Code, 2024 Edition, subject only to the amended portions in (a) below, including the following Appendices: Appendix E Appendix I and Appendix J; excluding Chapter 27. The International Mechanical Code 2024 Edition subject only to the amended portion in Section (c) below; International Plumbing Code, 2024 edition, subject only to the amended portion in (c) below, published by the International Code Council with the following appendix: Appendix D, Degree day and design temperatures for Cities in the United States, Appendix E, Sizing of Water Pipe Systems, Appendix C, Structural Safety, and the National Electric Code, 2023 Edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association. International Fuel Gas Code, 2024 Edition, including the following Appendices: Appendix A, Appendix B and Appendix C. International Residential Code, 2024 Edition, subject only to the amended portion in (d) below, including the following appendices: Appendix BF, Appendix B, Appendix C and Appendix CA; excluding R-309, P2904, Section R-403.3, Section R-403.3.1, Section R-403.3.2, Section R-403.3.3, Section 403.3.4, Table R-403.3(1), Figure R-403.3(1), Figure R-403.3(2). International existing building code 2024 Edition. (Ord. 2021-01, 2-16-21; Ord. 2022-03, 2/15/22; Ord. 2024-01, 2-20-24)

Amendment (a). The International Building Code 2024 Edition, is amended as follows:

105.2.14. Detached membrane structures with floor area not exceeding 250 square feet that meet the following conditions:

- a. The structure complies with all current zoning requirements and a Zoning Permit has been obtained.
- b. No more than one membrane

structure per residential lot will be allowed.

c. Membrane structures must be factory manufactured units.

d. Membrane structures used for vehicle parking or storage shall be placed on and secured to a minimum 3-1/2" thick concrete slab, the method of attachment and thickness of concrete at attachment locations shall be as recommended by the manufacturer.

e. Membrane structures not used for vehicle parking or storage shall be anchored as recommended by the manufacturer.

105.5. Expiration. Shall be amended to add the following exception:

Exception 1. Building Permits issued for the demolition of any structure shall expire 45 days after issuance. A demolition permit may be renewed or extended for an additional 45 days.

Ultimate Design wind speed is 115 mph with an exposure rating of (c) (Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12; Amended Ord. 2016-01, 4-19-16)

1507.1.2 Ice Barrier. In areas where there has been a history of ice forming along the eaves causing a backup of water, an ice barrier that consists of at least two layers of underlayment cemented together or of a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet shall be used in lieu of normal underlayment and extend from the lowest edges of all roof surfaces to a point at least 24 inches (610mm) inside all exterior wall lines of the building. (Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12; Ord. 2019-02, 2-19-19)

1803.7. All new residential construction and commercial construction that is not deemed as needing a full soils report by the Building Official, that does not exceed 5000 square feet shall be required to have an open hole soil inspection performed by a Wyoming Licensed Engineer for the purpose of soils classification and foundation recommendations." Commercial

Construction over 5000 square feet requires a complete soils report.

R-403.1. General. Footings and foundations shall be constructed of masonry, concrete or treated wood in conformance with AFPA Technical Report #7 and shall extend below the frost line of 42 inches below finished grade. Footings of concrete and masonry shall be of solid material. Foundations supporting wood shall extend at least 6 inches above the adjacent finish grade. Footings shall have a minimum depth of 42” unless another depth is recommended by a foundation investigation.

The provisions of this section do not apply to building and foundation systems in those areas subject to scour and water pressure by wind and wave action. Buildings and foundations subject to such loads shall be designed in accordance with approved national standards.

Properties identified as being located in subsidence-prone areas of the City shall have foundations constructed according to the University of Wyoming Specifications and Recommendations for Residential Construction Subject to Ground Movements Related to Mine Subsidence, 1988 printing."

Table R-403.1. Shall be amended to read as follows:

"FOUNDATIONS FOR STUD BEARING WALL - MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS<sup>1 2</sup>

Number of Floors Supported by the Foundation	Thickness of Foundation Wall (Inches)		Width of Footings (inches)	Thick-ness of Footing (inches)	Depth Below Un-disturbed Ground Surface (inches)
	Con-crete	Mason-ry			
1	8	8	15	8	12
2	8	8	15	8	18
3	10	10	18	8	24

<sup>1</sup>The ground under the floor may be excavated to the

elevation of the top of the footing.

<sup>2</sup>Foundations may support a roof in addition to the stipulated number of floors. Foundations supporting roofs only shall be as required for supporting one floor.

R-403-1.3.1. For undesigned residential foundations, the minimum vertical and horizontal reinforcement shall be the same as the slight subsidence requirements listed in the University of Wyoming Specifications and Recommendations for Residential Construction Subject to Ground Movements Related to Mine Subsidence, 1988 printing.

The minimum footing size and reinforcement for undesigned residential footings complying with R-403 shall be the same as the slight subsidence requirements as listed in the University of Wyoming Specifications and Recommendations for Residential Construction Subject to Ground Movements Related to Mine Subsidence, 1988 printing, and all interior basement footings must be poured isolated and at the same elevation as the top of the basement concrete slab. (Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12)

R-403.1.3.3 Shall be amended by adding the following exception:

1. One-story detached residential wood framed buildings not used for human occupancy between 400 and 1200 square feet in floor area may be constructed with a monolithic foundation slab as required by the Building Official. One story detached wood framed buildings not used for human occupancy under 400 square feet has no foundation requirements. (Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12)

P2904.3.1 Shall be amended to read as follows: Nonmetallic pipe and tubing. Nonmetallic pipe and tubing, such as CPVC, PEX, and PE-RT shall comply with Table P2906.5. (Amended Ord.

2016-01, 4-19-16)

R-905.1.2 Ice Barrier. In areas where there has been a history of ice forming along the eaves causing a backup of water as designated in Table R301.2(1), an ice barrier shall be installed for asphalt shingles, metal roof shingles, mineral-surfaced roll roofing, slate and slate-type shingles, wood shingles and wood shakes. The ice barrier shall consist of not fewer than two layers of underlayment cemented together, or a self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen sheet shall be used in place of normal underlayment and extend from the edges of all roof surfaces to a point not less than 24 inches (610 mm) inside all exterior wall lines of the building. On roofs with slope equal to or greater than 8 units vertical in 12 units horizontal, the ice barrier shall also be applied not less than 36 inches (914 mm) measured along the roof slope from the eave edge of the building.

Exception: Detached accessory structures not containing conditioned floor area. (Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12; Amended Ord. 2016-01, 4-19-16)

Amendment (b). The 2024 International Plumbing Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 101.1. Insert (Name of Jurisdiction) City of Rock Springs.

Section 106.6.2 Insert (Appropriate Schedule).

Section 106.6.3 Insert (Percentages two locations) 80%.

Section 108.4. Insert (Offense, Dollar Amount, Number of Days) General Ordinance Violation.

Section 108.5. Insert (Dollar Amount in Two Locations) Per Section 7-105(c) City of Rock Springs

Ordinance.

Section 308.5 HANGER SPACING. Amend table as follows:

Unless otherwise required by the manufacturer, PVC and ABS pipe shall be supported 6 foot on center horizontally and 8 foot on center vertically. Balance of Table 308.5 is unchanged.

Section 312.1. Test. Tests shall be conducted in the presence of the Administrative Authority or his duly appointed representative. Tests shall be required for moved buildings only, or where specifically required by construction plans.

Section 403. Minimum Plumbing Facilities. Delete.

Section 405.3.1. Add the following subsection:

Section 405.3.1.1. Water Closets. A water closet may be installed 12 inches from center line to a wall or vanity to avoid cutting a structural member.

Section 602.1 Separate Water Connection. Every building having plumbing fixtures installed and intended for human habitation, occupancy or use on premises abutting on a street, alley or easement in which there is a public water shall have a separate connection with the Public water. Where located on the same lot, multiple buildings shall not be prohibited from connecting to a common building water system that connects to the public water system and be buried at least 6' deep for frost protection. (Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12)

Section 606.1. Item 3. Amend as follows: The water supply shall enter

the building at the location of the water meter. A full open valve shall be located on the supply side of the water meter and an approved check valve shall be located on the house side of the water meter. Unless approved by the authority having jurisdiction the water meter shall be installed horizontally and within 24 inches of the water supply entering the building.

Section 608.16.4.1. Deck-mounted and integral vacuum breakers. Delete.

Section 903.1. Insert (Number of Inches) 6".

Section 918.3. Amend – Air admittance valves may only be used for island fixtures and in remodels of existing structures and such installations must meet code requirements for the installation.

Section 1002.8. Recess for trap connection. Delete.

(Ord. No. 75-3, 2-18-75; Ord. No. 77-42, 11-1-77; Rev. Ord. 1979; Ord. No. 79-53, 1-2-80; Rev. Ord. 1982; Ord. No. 83-1, 1-18-83; Ord. No. 85-17, 9-17-85; Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88; Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91; Ord. No. 92-07, 4-21-92; Ord. No. 94-19, 6-21-94, Ord. No. 2006-13, 5-16-06; Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12; Amended Ord. 2016-01, 4-19-16).

Amendment (c) The International Mechanical Code 2024 Edition, is amended as follows:

Amendment (d). The International Residential Code 2024 Edition is amended as follows:

Section R317.1- Garage floor surfaces shall be concrete or asphalt. (Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12)

Section R318.7.5.1 – Exception to read: The maximum riser height shall be 8 inches Section R318.7.5.2 - the minimum tread depth shall be 9 inches.

Table R301.2(1) to be filled in the following manner:

TABLE R301.2(1)  
CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA

GROUND SNOW LOAD	30 lb
WIND DESIGN Speed (d) (mph) Topographic effects (k) Special wind region (l) Wind-borne debris zone (m)	115 No No No
SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY (l)	B
SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM Weathering (a) Frost Line Depth (b) Termite (c)	Severe 42" Slight
WINTER DESIGN TEMP (e)	-5
ICE BARRIER UNDERLAYMENT REQUIRED (h)	Yes
FLOOD HAZARDS (g)	
AIR FREEZING INDEX (l)	No
MEAN ANNUAL TEMP (l)	44.1

For S1: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479 kPa, 1 mile per hour = 0.447 m/s.

(a) Weathering may require a higher strength concrete or grade of masonry than necessary to satisfy the structural requirements of this code. The weathering column shall be filled in with the weathering index "negligible," "moderate" or "severe" for concrete as determined from the Weathering Probability Map [Figure R301.2(3)]. The grade of masonry units shall be determined from ASTM C 34, C 55, C 62, C 73, C 90, C 129, C 145, C 216 or C 652.

(b) The frost line depth may require deeper footings than indicated in Figure R403.1(1). The jurisdiction shall fill in the frost line depth column with the minimum depth of footing below finish grade.

(c) The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table to indicate the need for protection depending on whether there has been a history of local subterranean termite damage.

(d) The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the wind speed from the basic wind speed map (Figure R301.2(4)A).

(e) The outdoor design dry-bulb temperature shall be selected from the columns of 97 ½ percent values for winter from Appendix D of the International Plumbing Code. Deviations from the Appendix D temperatures shall be permitted to reflect local climates or local weather experience as determined by the building official.

(f) The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the seismic design category determined from Section R301.2.2.1.

(g) The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with (a) the date of the jurisdiction's entry into the National Flood Insurance Program (date of adoption of the first code or ordinance for management of flood hazard areas), (b) the date(s) of the Flood Insurance Study and (c) the panel numbers and dates of the currently effective FIRMs and FBFMs or other flood hazard map adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, as amended.

(h) In accordance with Sections R905.1.2, R905.4.3.1, R905.4.3.1, R5.5.3.1, R905.6.3.1, R905.7.3.1 and R905.8.3.1, where there has been a history of local damage from the effects of ice damming, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with "YES." Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with NO."

(i) The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the 100-year return period air freezing index (BF-days) from Figure R403.3.(2) or from the 100-year (99 percent) value on the National Climatic Data Center data table "Air Freezing Index-USA Method (Base 32°F)."

(j) The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the mean annual temperature from the National Climatic Data Center data table "Air Freezing Index-USA Method (Base 32°F)."

(k) In accordance with Section R301.2.1.5, where there is local historical data documenting structural damage to buildings due to topographic wind speed-up effects, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with "YES." Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall indicate "NO" in this part of the table.

(l) In accordance with Figure R301.2(4)A, where there is local historical data documenting unusual wind conditions, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with "YES" and identify and specific requirements. Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall indicate "NO" in this part of the table.

(m) In accordance with Section R301.2.1.2.1, the jurisdiction shall indicate the wind-borne debris wind zone(s). Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall indicate "NO" in this part of the table.

(Amended Ord. 2016-01, 4-19-16)

Amendment (e) The National Electric Code, 2023 Edition, is amended as follows:

### 334.15. Exposed Work.

(C) In Unfinished Basements and Crawl Spaces. Where cable is run at angles with joists in crawl spaces, it shall be permissible to secure cables not smaller than

two 6 AWG or three 8 AWG conductors directly to the lower edges of the joists. In unfinished basements it shall be permissible to secure cables not smaller than #4 AWG directly to the lower edges of the joist. Smaller cables shall be run through bored holes, in joists. NM cable installed on the wall of an unfinished basement shall be permitted to be installed in a listed conduit or tubing or shall be protected in accordance with 300.4. Conduit or tubing shall be provided with a suitable insulating bushing or adapter at the point the cable enters the raceway. The NM cable sheath shall extend through the conduit or tubing and into the outlet or device box not less than 6mm (¼ in.). The cable shall be secured within 300 mm (12 in.) of the point where the cable enters the conduit or tubing. Metal conduit, tubing, and metal outlet boxes shall be connected to an equipment grounding conductor.

(Ord. No. 2003-06, 3-18-2003; Ord. No. 2006-13, 5-16-06, Ord. No 2010-06, 4-20-2010; Ord. 2015-01, 2-3-15; Ord. 2016-01, 4-19-16; Ord. 2018-03, 2-20-18; Ord. 2021-01, 2-16-21; Ord. 2024-01, 2-20-24).

### 7-108.5 Building Codes Appeal Board.

(a) Creation; name; purpose. There is hereby created a board of appeals, to be known as the Building Codes Appeal Board. The purpose of this board shall be to hear and determine appeals from the orders, decisions or determinations of the building or fire code official with regard to the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Fire Code, the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings; and such other international codes and standards as the City Council of the City of Rock Springs shall hereafter designate in Ordinance 7108.4. (Rev. Ord. 2011-04, 4/5/11)

(b) Structure. The Building Codes Appeal Board shall consist of five (5) members who are qualified by experience and training to pass upon matters pertaining to building construction. Such membership

shall include; one building contractor, one plumbing contractor, one mechanical contractor, one electrical contractor, and one at large member. Members appointed to the board shall not be employees of the City of Rock Springs. The building official and fire official shall be ex-officio members of said board and shall act as secretary thereto, but shall have no vote on any matter before the board. Members shall be appointed in the manner provided by law for appointment to boards and commissions, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the appointment authority. Initial appointments shall be as follows: one (1) member for one (1) year; two (2) members for two (2) years; and two (2) members for three (3) years. Thereafter appointments shall be for three (3) years. The board shall elect from its membership a chairman and a vice-chairman, each of whom shall serve for one year. Contractors serving on the Building Codes Appeal Board shall be actively involved in their trade, have a minimum of five years experience and hold the appropriate license for their trade if available. (Rev. Ord. 2011-04, 4/5/11)

(c) Appeals -- standing; commencement; procedures. Any person, firm, corporation or association which is directly affected by a decision of the building or fire code official regarding the suitability of alternate materials, methods of construction, or technical interpretation of the adopted codes and standards set forth in paragraph (a) of this section may appeal that decision to the Building Codes Appeal Board. Appeal must be commenced by giving written notice of appeal to the secretary of the board within thirty (30) working days of the decision being appealed from. The notice of appeal must include a concise statement of the decision being appealed from, the reasons for the appeal, and the relief being requested from the board. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal, the affected code official shall make a written record of all facts concerning the decision and provide said record to the board and the party requesting the appeal within five (5) working days. The board shall hold monthly hearings on the second

Thursday of each month. Regularly scheduled meetings can be cancelled for lack of business. A special hearing shall be held when a scheduled meeting will not take place within twenty (20) days of receipt of a notice of appeal or when cause exists. Special hearings will be held no later than 15 days after the application for appeal has been accepted by the affected code official. Hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act, W. S. §16-3-101 et.seq. governing contested cases. (Rev. Ord. 2011-04, 4/5/11)

(d) Authority; decisions to be in writing. The Building Codes Appeal Board shall have the authority to hear and determine appeals from the decisions of the building or fire code official regarding alternate materials, methods of construction, or interpretation of technical provisions of the adopted codes and standards set forth in paragraph (a) of this section. The board may also issue advisory opinions and policies regarding such matters at the request of the building or fire code official or any interested party, after first consulting with the appropriate code official. The board is not authorized to interpret any administrative provision of adopted codes and standards, nor is it authorized to waive any requirement of adopted codes. All decisions of the board shall be in writing, and shall include both findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated. Decisions of the board shall be given no later than five days after the hearing date. (Rev. Ord. 2011-04, 4/5/11)

(e) Rules and Regulations. The Building Codes Appeal Board is authorized and directed to promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary for conducting its business and not in conflict with any procedures set forth herein. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted in conformity with the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act, §16-3-101 et.seq, Wyoming Statutes Annotated, 1977 Republished Edition, as amended. (Ord. No. 2003-06, 3-18-2003; Ord. No. 2006-13, 5-16-06).

**Section 7-108.6 Adoption of International Fire Code.**

The International Fire Code, including Appendix Chapters B, C, D, E, F, G, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the code of the City of Rock Springs for regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the City of Rock Springs and providing for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Fire Code, 2018 edition, published by the International Code Council, on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Rock Springs are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this ordinance, subject to the revision of the following sections and amendments in (a) below:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the City of Rock Springs, hereinafter referred to as “this code.”

103.1 General. The Fire Prevention Bureau of the Rock Springs Fire Department is established within the City of Rock Springs under the direction of the fire code official. The function of the bureau shall be the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of this code.

104.12 Public Fire Education. The Rock Springs Fire department, or other agents appointed by the fire code official, shall be charged with the coordination of public fire education within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Springs.

105.5.30 LP-Gas. An operational permit is required for:

1. Storage and use of LP-gas.

Exception: A permit is not required for individual containers with a 25 gallon water capacity or less serving occupancies in Group R-3.

2. Operation of cargo tankers that

transport LP-gas.

108.2 Schedule of permit fees. Where a permit is required, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the Rock Springs Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau.

108.2.1 Schedule of plan review fees. Where a plan review is required for life safety systems, a fee for each plan review shall be paid as required, in accordance with the schedule as established by the Rock Springs Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau.

113.4 Violation penalties. Persons who shall violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair, or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 dollars or more than \$750.00 dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both such a fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense. (Amended Ord. 2012-09, 12-18-12, Ord. 2019-05, 4-2-19)

114.4 Failure to comply. Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 dollars or more than \$750.00 dollars, or by imprisonment. (Amended Ord. 2012-09, 12-18-12)

307.4.1.1 Bonfire Size. The fuel package for a bonfire must be approved prior to ignition and shall not exceed 10 feet (3048 mm) in diameter and 8 feet (2438 mm) in height unless approved by the fire code official. Based on atmospheric conditions, location, adjacent structures, combustible materials or wildland fire

danger ratings, smaller fuel package piles may be required. Fuels for a bonfire shall be clean, dry, untreated wood products only. Fuel shall not be added to the bonfire once it is ignited without prior approval of the fire code official.

903.2 Where Required. Approved automatic sprinkler systems in new buildings and structures shall be provided in the locations described in Sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.12. Audible and visual occupant notification shall be required throughout buildings that have automatic sprinkler systems installed in accordance to Section 903.3.1.1 and 903.3.1.2.

Exception: Spaces or areas in telecommunications buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries not required to have an automatic sprinkler system by Section 1207 for energy storage systems and standby engines, provided that those spaces or areas are equipped throughout with an automatic smoke detection system in accordance with Section 907.2 and are separated from the remainder of the building by not less than 1-hour fire barriers constructed in accordance with Section 707 of the International Building Code or not less than 2-hour horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Section 711 of the International Building Code, or both.

903.4.3 Alarms. Approved audible and visual notification devices for occupant notification shall be connected to each automatic sprinkler system. Sprinkler waterflow alarm devices shall be activated by water flow equivalent to the flow of a single sprinkler of the smallest orifice sized installed in the system. Where a waterflow switch is required by Section 903.4.1 to be electrically supervised, such sprinkler waterflow alarm devices shall be powered by a fire alarm system. Where a fire alarm system is provided, actuation of the automatic sprinkler system shall actuate the building fire alarm system.

Exception: Automatic sprinkler systems protecting one- and two-family dwellings.

907.2 Where required – new buildings and structures. An approved fire alarm system installed in accordance with the provisions of this code and NFPA 72 shall be provided in new buildings and structures in accordance with Sections 907.2.1 through 907.2.23 and provide occupant notification in accordance with Section 907.5, unless other requirements are provided by another section of the code. Audible and visual occupant notification shall be required throughout buildings that have automatic sprinkler systems installed in accordance to Section 903.3.1.1 and 903.3.1.2.

Not fewer than one manual fire alarm box shall be provided in an approved location to initiate a fire alarm signal for fire alarm systems employing automatic fire detectors or waterflow detection devices. Where other sections of this code allow elimination of fire alarm boxes due to sprinklers, a single fire alarm box shall be installed.

Exceptions:

1. The manual fire alarm box is not required for fire alarm systems dedicated to elevator recall control and supervisory service.

2. The manual fire alarm box is not required for Group R-2 occupancies unless required by the fire code official to provide a means for fire watch personnel to initiate an alarm during a sprinkler system impairment event. Where provided, the manual fire alarm box shall not be located in an area that is open to the public.

5003.3.1.5 Minimum local notification limits. Notification of the fire department shall be given for any discharge of hazardous materials regulated by this code on or threatening; city property, public lands, or private lands not owned by the individual or corporation. (Amended Ord. 2012-09, 12-18-12)

5601.1.3 Fireworks. The possession,

manufacture, storage, sale, handling and use of fireworks are prohibited.

Exceptions:

1. The use of fireworks for display as permitted in Section 5608.

5601.2.3.1 Locations where explosives storage is prohibited. The storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Springs except in Heavy Industrial Zones (I-2) or any pre-existing use which has been approved by the fire code official.

5704.2.9.6.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Springs except in Heavy Industrial Zones (I-2) or any pre-existing use which has been approved by the fire code official. (Amended Ord. 2012-09, 12-18-12)

Exceptions: Tanks used for the storage of Class II motor fuels meeting the requirements of Section 2306.2.3 or 5704.2.8. (Amended Ord. 2012-09, 12-18-12)

5706.2.4.4 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. The storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Springs except in Heavy Industrial Zones (I-2) or any pre-existing use which has been approved by the fire code official.

Exceptions:

1. Tanks used for the storage of Class II motor fuels meeting the requirements of Section 2306.2.3 or 5704.2.5.

2. Temporary use and storage approved by the fire code official and 105.6.16. (Amended Ord. 2012-09, 12-18-12)

5806.2 Limitations. Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings in

prohibited within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Springs except in Heavy Industrial Zones (I-2) or any pre-existing use which has been approved by the fire code official. (Amended Ord. 2012-09, 12-18-12)

6104.2 Maximum capacity within established limits. Within the limits established by law restricting the storage of liquefied petroleum gas for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas, the aggregate capacity of any one installation shall not exceed a water capacity of 2,000 gallons (7570 L).

Exception: In particular installations, this capacity limit shall be determined by the fire code official, after consideration of special features such as topographical conditions, nature of occupancy, and proximity to buildings, capacity of proposed LP-gas containers, degree of fire protection to be provided and capabilities of the local fire department. (Amended Ord. 2012-09, 12-18-12)

6104.2.1 Maximum capacity within established limits. Within the limits established by law restricting the storage of liquefied petroleum gas for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas, the storage of liquefied petroleum gas is prohibited within the corporate limits of the City of Rock Springs except in Heavy Industrial Zones (I-2) or any pre-existing use, which has been approved by the fire code official.

Exception: Temporary use and storage approved by the fire code official and Section 105.6.27.

(Rev. Ord. 2011-04, 4/5/11; Amended Ord. 2012-09, 12-18-12; Amended Ord. 2016-01, 4-19-16, Ord. 2019-05, 4-2-19)

D103.4.1 Turnaround Type. Dead-end fire apparatus access road turnaround shall be of the cul-de-sac type unless approved by the fire code official.

(Ord. No. 2006-18, 7/5/06; Rev. Ord. 2011-04, 4-5-11).

### **7-109 Moving Buildings.**

No building shall be moved until a

permit has been obtained from the Building Official; and said Inspector shall not issue such permit, if in his judgment the proposed new location of the building would seriously increase the fire hazard of the surrounding buildings. The price to be charged for a permit authorizing the erection or placing upon any lot or land of any building moved from another location shall be the same as for a new building of like value. (Ord. No. 170, Art. I, Sec. 6, 3-17-19; 33-9, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963, Ord. 2006-13, 5-16-06).

**7-110 Fees For Permits.**

The applicant, or applicants, for such building permit before same are issued shall pay to the Building Official the following amounts, to-wit: The 1997 Uniform Building Code fee schedule shall apply to all adopted codes unless specifically listed below. Unless otherwise noted in this section, the fee for a building permit and plan review shall be rounded up to the next whole dollar according to Table 1-A of the 1997 Uniform Building Code as amended below. In all cases, the fees for issuing permits must be paid before the same are issued. All monies received by the Building Official shall be paid by him into the City treasury at least once a month at which time he shall make a statement of the amount so received giving the date when received, the name of the persons from whom received, and the number of the permit issued, and shall take duplicate receipts therefor, one to be filed with the City Clerk and one to be retained.

The fee schedule shall be as follows:

TOTAL VALUATION	FEE		
\$1.00 to \$500.00	\$32.45	\$2,001.00 to \$25,000.00	\$95.31 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$19.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00
\$501.00 to \$2,000.00	\$32.45 for the first \$500.00 plus \$4.20 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof,	\$25,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$538.72 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$13.88 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00
		\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$885.22 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$9.62 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00
		\$100,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$1,366.47 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$7.70 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00
		\$500,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$4,446.47 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$6.60 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00
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Other Inspections and Fees:

1. Inspections outside of normal business hours .....\$59.00 per hour'
2. Reinspection fees assessed under provisions of Section 305.8.....\$100.00 per hour'
3. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge--one-half hour).....\$59.00 per hour'
4. Additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to plans.....\$59.00 per hour' (minimum charge--one-half hour)
5. For use of outside consultants for plan checking and inspections, or both.....\$Actual Costs<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Or the total hourly cost to the jurisdiction, whichever is the greatest. This cost shall include supervision, overhead, equipment, hourly wages and fringe benefits of the employees involved.

<sup>2</sup>Actual costs include administrative and overhead costs.

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(a) **PLAN CHECK.** Unless otherwise stated in this section: 65% of Building Permit Fee.

(b) **Single Family Homes - Building Permit Fee - \$1,100.00, no plan review fee.**

(c) **Residential Alterations and Additions Including Detached Garages - Building Permit Fee shall be 50% of the above table. No plan review fee will be charged.**

Demolition Permits	\$35.00
Property records request fee	\$100.00
Mobile Home Permits (In Mobile Home Parks)	\$55.00
Excavation Permit	\$35.00

(Ord. No. 170, Art. I, Sec. 9, 3-17-19; 33-10, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963; Rev. Ord. 1982; Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88; Ord. No. 91-21, 2-4-92; Ord. No. 92-28, 11-17-92). (98-01, Amended, 03/03/1998; 96-05,

Amended, 04/02/1996, Ord. 2003-07, 3-18-2003; Ord. 2006-13, 5-16-06; Ord. No. 2010-06, 4-20-10; Amended Ord. 2012-10, 12-18-12.)

**7-111 Record of Permits.**

The Building Official shall keep a record of all permits issued, which shall be regularly numbered in the order of their issue, and he shall also file and preserve in his office the applications upon which permits are issued. (Ord. No. 170, Art. I, Sec. 8, 3-17-19; 33-11, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963, Ord. No. 2006-13, 5-16-06).

**7-112 Preliminary Permits.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-113 Incorrect Estimate Given.**

If in the judgment of the Building Official, the person or persons applying for a permit do not give the correct cost of the proposed building, alteration, or repairs, he may refuse to give such permit until the correct amount is given. (Ord. No. 170, Art. I, Sec. 11, 3-17-19; 33-13, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963; Ord. 2022-03, 2/15/22).

**7-114 Revocation of Permit.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-115 Fire Districts.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-116 Fire Limits.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-117 Building Restrictions.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-118 Incombustible Walls and Cornices Required Within Fire Limits.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-119 Wooden Structures Not Permitted Within Fire Limits**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-120 Additions and Repairs to Frame Buildings Within Fire Limits.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-121 Frame Buildings One-Fourth Destroyed to Be Removed.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-122 Buildings Having Prohibited Occupancies Within the Fire Limits.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-123 Limits of Floor Area.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14 11-1-88.

**7-124 Walls.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-125 Concrete Construction.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-126 Protection of Ends of Wooden Beams.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-127 Protection of Wall Openings.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-128 Roof Covering.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-129 Roof Openings.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-130 Exits and Stairways.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-131 Fire Stops.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-132 Chimneys and Fireplaces.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-133 Wooden Beams Separated From Masonry Chimneys.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-134 Smoke Pipes.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-135 Safety of Design.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-136 Unsafe Buildings.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-137 Time Allowed to Remove Unsafe Buildings.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-138 Refusal to Remove Unsafe Buildings.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-139 Report on Inspection of Unsafe Buildings.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-140 Inspector May Affix Notice on Unsafe Buildings.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-141 Unlawful to Continue Work After Notice Is Affixed By Inspector.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-142 Unlawful to Remove Notice Affixed by Inspector.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-143 Procedure When Owner of Unsafe Building Is a Non-Resident.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 91-16, 10-1-91.

**7-144 Permit to Construct Sidewalk.**

No person shall hereafter build, construct, remove, repair or in any manner disturb any sidewalk within the City of Rock Springs without first having obtained a permit from the Building Official, specifying the work to be done. (Ord. No. 101, 3-22-10; 33-44, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963, Rev. Ord. 2013-01, 3/5/13).

**7-145 Construction Requirements for Sidewalks.**

All sidewalks hereafter constructed in any portion of the City of Rock Springs shall be of cement of such composition and with such foundation and on such grade and of such width as shall be approved and determined by the Building Official and set forth in the permit issued by him. (Ord. No. 101, 3-22-10; 33-45, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev.

Ord. 1963, Rev. Ord. 2013-01, 3/5/13).

**7-146 Sidewalks to Be Constructed to an Established Grade.**

All sidewalks and curb stones shall be laid and set to established grade which shall be furnished by the Building Official and Sidewalk Inspector, and if any sidewalks or curbs constructed or reconstructed hereafter are not laid on the official grades, it shall be the duty of the person laying the same, upon notice from the Building Official and Sidewalk Inspector to so alter or reconstruct the same as to conform to the official lines and curbs. (Ord. No. 196, 5-17-20; 33-46, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963).

**7-147 Repair of Sidewalks.**

When any sidewalk in front of any premises shall be out of repair, the Building Official shall cause notice in writing to be served upon the owner or agent of the premises to repair the same within ten (10) days. (Ord. No. 196, Secs. 1 and 4, 5-17-20; 33-47, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963, Rev. Ord. 2013-01, 3/5/13).

**7-148 Grade of Sidewalks.**

Whenever there has been a change in the official of any sidewalk, the City Council may cause a notice in writing to be served upon the owner or agent of the premises abutting upon said sidewalk to construct or reconstruct said sidewalk upon the official grade last established, within the time specified in said notice, which time shall not be less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days after the service of said notice. (Ord. No. 196, Sec. 2, 5-17-20; 33-48, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963).

**7-149 Openings in Sidewalk.**

If there is an opening in any vault or coal hole or aperture in the sidewalk, over such coal hole or vault, it shall be covered with a substantial iron plate with a rough surface to prevent accidents and the entire construction of such vaults or coal holes shall be subject to the direction of the Building Official. (Ord. No. 196, Sec. 7, 5-17-20; 33-49, Rev. Ord. 1963, Rev. Ord.

2013-01, 3/5/13).

**7-150 Officers to Report Construction of Sidewalks Without Permit.**

It shall be the duty of the Police Chief and officers to report to the Building Official the construction or repair of any sidewalk without proper permit having been issued by said inspector. (Ord. No. 196, 5-17-20; 33-50, Rev. Ord. 1938; Rev. Ord. 1963).

**7-151 Penalty for Violation of the Provisions of This Chapter.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.

**7-152 Commercial Businesses Restricted.**

Repealed. Ord. No. 88-14, 11-1-88.