

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DURAN
COUNCIL BILL NO. 12
ORDINANCE NO. 1600
Series 2016

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLES II AND VI OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF LAWS, CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge is authorized by the Home Rule Charter and the Colorado Constitution and statutes to enact and enforce ordinances for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in the exercise of that authority, the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge has previously enacted Chapter 5 of the Wheat Ridge Code of Laws pertaining to the 2012 International Residential Code (IRC); and

WHEREAS, when adopting the 2012 IRC by Ordinance 1559 in 2014, the stated intent was to eliminate the requirement to install fire suppression in new one and two-family residences; and

WHEREAS, the IRC includes various building code requirements related to materials, methods of construction, fire stopping, fire separation, means of egress, smoke alarms, etc. that significantly minimize the risk to life and property relative to the risk of fire; and

WHEREAS, the requirement to provide fire suppression systems in one and two-family residences would impose an undue burden on residential builders and property owners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO:

Section 1. Subsection 5-85 of the code, concerning residential building codes, is hereby amended as follows. This text follows Table R301.2(1) and precedes section R401.2.

R313 AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS DELETE THIS SECTION AND ALL CORRESPONDING SUBSECTIONS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

Section 2. Safety Clause. The City Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the City of Wheat Ridge, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The City

Council further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be attained.

Section 3. Severability, Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. If any section, subsection or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected thereby. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately, as provided by Section 5.11 of the Charter.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED on first reading by a vote of 7 to 0 on this 11th day of July, 2016, ordered published with Public Hearing and consideration on final passage set for Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 7500 West 29th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

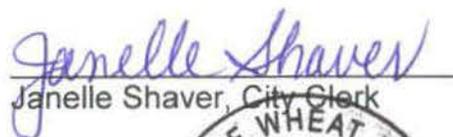
READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED on second and final reading by a vote of 8 to 0, this 25th day of July, 2016.

SIGNED by the Mayor on this 25th day of July, 2016.



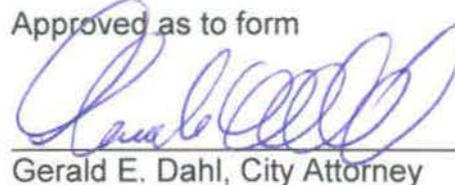
Joyce Jay, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janelle Shaver, City Clerk



Approved as to form


Gerald E. Dahl, City Attorney

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