

**INTERLAKEN TOWN
WASATCH COUNTY, UTAH**

APRIL 07, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 10 – ADOPTING THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE UTAH WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE AND WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE MAP

WHEREAS, the Interlaken Town Council (the “*Council*”) met in regular session on April 07, 2026 to consider, among other things the 2006 edition of the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code, issued by the International Code Council, with the alternatives or amendments approved by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, as a construction code and a Wildland Urban Interface Map; and

WHEREAS, in the 2025 Utah Legislature General Session the Legislature amended Utah Code section 65A-8-203 that provides among other things that “[i]f the state under Section 15A-2-103 adopts an edition of the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code, issued by the International Code Council, with the alternatives or amendments approved by the division, as a wildland urban interface building standard that may be adopted by a local compliance agency for purposes of an incorporated area within a county, the relevant municipality shall adopt and enforce the wildland urban interface building standard described” in Utah Code section 15A-2-; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this enactment is to, among other things, regulate and govern the mitigation of hazard to life and property from the intrusion of fire from wildland exposures, fire from adjacent structures, and the prevention of structure fires from spreading to wildland and

WHEREAS, the International Code Council adopted the 2006 Utah Wildfire-Urban Interface Code (“Wildfire Code”), which the Council is adopting by this ordinance. Section 301 of the Wildfire Code requires, among other things, that the Council in cooperation with the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (“FFSL”) declare wildfire-urban interface areas. The FFSL and City staff have cooperated to designate such areas that are shown on the attached map (“Map”); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Map shows the boundaries of natural or man-made features of wildland-urban interface areas and was prepared in cooperation with the FFSL; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Council has determined that enacting Title 9, Chapter 10 and adopting the Map is in the best interest of Interlaken’s health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the following is hereby adopted and added to the Interlaken Town Municipal Code.

Chapter 9.10 The Current Edition of the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code

The 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code, or the current edition of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code as adopted by the State of Utah and published by the International Code Council is hereby adopted along with its Appendix A and Appendix B with the following amendments:

- A. Section 101.1 is added and shall read as follows:
101.1.1 Applies to Remodels adding more than 15% of the existing structure's total square footage, and all New Construction exceeding a 200 square foot footprint.
- B. Section 101.2.1 is added and shall read as follows:
101.2.1 Purpose. The purpose of this Chapter is to supplement current building and fire codes to assist in providing requirements to reduce the risk of losing a structure in a wildfire due to exposure to firebrands, ground or surface fires, crown fires and other associated hazards.
- C. Section 101.4.1 Applicability. This Chapter shall apply to all new and existing structures within the boundaries of Interlaken Town. Exceptions to this Chapter may be granted by the Fire Code Official on a case-by-case basis.
- D. Section 103.1 shall be modified and shall read as follows:
103.1 Practical Difficulties. Where there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provision of this Chapter, the Fire Code Official is authorized to grant modifications for individual cases upon application in writing by the owner or an owner's authorized agent. The fire Code Official shall first find that a unique circumstance makes enforcement of this Chapter technically infeasible, the vegetation or home-hardening modification is in conformance with the intent and purpose of this Chapter, and the modification does not reduce fire protection requirements to any degree of structural integrity. The details of any action granting modifications shall be recorded by the Interlaken Town Recorder.

Chapter 9.11 Adoption of Wildland Urban Interface Map

The attached map showing the boundaries of high-risk wildland-urban interface property is hereby adopted.


PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of April 2026.

INTERLAKEN TOWN

By: 

Gregory Harrigan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Bartlett Smith, Town Recorder

