

**Learn about Basalt's Proposed Regulations Addressing Wildfire Protection**

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**11 AM via Zoom**

The Town of Basalt is proposing amendments to 5 different Chapters in the Town Code to address wildfire protection

The amendments to Chapter 18, Building Regulations may be the most important component of the proposed regulations. The new regulations require hardening of structures for new construction and any addition to a building.

The proposed regulations also provide that the closest 36" of a fence to a habitable structure must be of a fire-resistant material. There are also standards for doors to the exterior, windows, decks, and accessory buildings.

The purpose of these amendments is to add to existing codes and not restate them. By way of example the new addressing requirements for buildings don't spell out existing requirements (such as that they must be visible to the street) but requires the numbering labels to be made of a fire resistant material and on a surface that is fire resistant. Because the amendments are for health and safety of the entire community, a statement is included that they prevail over homeowner covenants. In addition, the amendments include construction activities that do not require a building permit.

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