



# **Wildfire Development Standards**

**Ordinance Amendments**

**City Council**

**Public Hearing Continued**

**8/21/2018**



# Wildfire Ordinance Update

- Public Hearing
  - July 17, 2018 (continued to this evening)
- Special Study Session and Public Forum
  - August 06, 2018
- Prohibited Flammable Plant List Review
  - August 15, 2018



## Ordinances and Resolution

- Amendment to Wildfire Lands Map to designate the entire Urban Growth Boundary and City Limits as Wildfire Lands.
- Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Ashland Land Use Ordinance to amend the development standards for wildfire lands, and the applicability of tree removal permits.
- Ordinance amending Chapter 9 of the Ashland Municipal Code to declare Prohibited Flammable Plants a nuisance.
- Resolution establishing the proposed General Fuel Modification Area Prohibited Flammable Plant List for application in Ashland's designated Wildfire Lands.



# Wildfire Development Standards (Ch.18)

- **Changes to the Ordinance following the July 17 public hearing:**
  - **The Fire Prevention and Control Plan**
    - Applicability section clarified to note that a Fire Prevention and Control Plan is required for Commercial developments, and Multi-family residential developments of three units or more. (18.3.10.100.A.1)



# Wildfire Development Standards (Ch.18)

- **Changes to the Ordinance following the July 17 public hearing:**
  - **General Fuel Modification Area**
    - Applicability section amended to clarify that only new buildings on vacant property will trigger fuel modification for the full extent of the property(18.3.10.100.B.1.a).
    - Additions to existing building, or new buildings on a property previously developed, will trigger a 30' fuel modification area.



# Wildfire Development Standards (Ch.18)

- **Changes to the Ordinance following the July 17 public hearing:**
  - **General Fuel Modification Area**
    - The roofing section) is highlighted for discussion as it could be amended to eliminate the requirement for a zoning permit prior to re-roofing a building (18.3.10.100.3.





## Wildfire Development Standards (Ch.18)

- **Changes to the Ordinance following the July 17 public hearing:**
  - **General Fuel Modification Area-Flammable Shrubs**
    - The spacing separation requirements for existing shrubs has been amended to clarify that prohibited flammable shrubs shall be separated from one another by at least two times the shrub's height (18.3.10.100.B.2.h-j)
    - This was in a previous draft and follows the same language for newly planted shrubs and existing flammable trees that was already included in the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting packet.







# Prohibited Flammable Plant List

- **Changes to the plant list following the July 17 public hearing:**
  - **Distance from Structures**
    - Within 5' – NO flammable plants allowed
    - Within 30' – Certain listed flammable plants are allowed when following spacing requirements
  - **Challenge to Include Exceptions**
    - Dwarf or prostrate varieties of conifer trees, some shrub species (planted to meet tree or shrub spacing requirements)
    - Rosemary, Ceanothus, Oregon grape now allowed.
  - **Revisions Before Approval**
    - An updated list and Resolution will be presented to Council during the second reading after another meeting of the Plant List Subcommittee.



# Questions

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