

**ORDINANCE 2026-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HATCH, UTAH,  
ADOPTING THE UTAH WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE; ADOPTING THE  
STATE OF UTAH HIGH-RISK WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE MAP; PROVIDING FOR  
ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT;**

**WHEREAS,**

The Town of Hatch finds that wildfire presents a significant threat to life, property, infrastructure, and natural resources within and surrounding the Town; and

**WHEREAS,**

The Utah Legislature enacted HB 48, Wildland Urban Interface Modifications, requiring municipalities to adopt and enforce the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code and establish local Wildland-Urban Interface ("WUI") boundaries; and

**WHEREAS,**

The purpose of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code is to establish minimum standards for land development, building construction, vegetation management, and defensible space in areas at risk from wildland fire; and

**WHEREAS,**

The Town Council finds that adoption of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Hatch and to maintain eligibility for state wildfire assistance and reimbursement programs; and

**WHEREAS,**

The Town Council has reviewed the applicable provisions of Utah law and desires to adopt the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code as adopted by the State of Utah and amended from time to time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HATCH, UTAH:

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**SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF UTAH WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE.**

The Town of Hatch hereby adopts the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code, including all amendments adopted by the State of Utah pursuant to Title 15A, Utah Code Annotated, as the Wildland-Urban Interface Code of the Town of Hatch.

The Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code shall regulate and govern matters relating to:

1. Ignition-resistant construction;
2. Defensible space requirements;
3. Vegetation management;
4. Access and water supply requirements;
5. Fire protection standards;
6. Development within designated Wildland-Urban Interface areas; and
7. Other requirements contained within the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

A copy of the Code shall be maintained in the office of the Town Recorder and made available for public inspection.

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## **SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF STATE HIGH-RISK WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE MAP.**

Pursuant to applicable provisions of Utah law, the Town of Hatch hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the State of Utah High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Map, as maintained and published by the Utah Geospatial Resource Center (UGRC) and the State of Utah.

The boundaries of the Wildland-Urban Interface Area within the Town of Hatch shall be those areas identified as High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface on the official state mapping data available through the Utah Geospatial Resource Center's High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface dataset and any subsequent amendments or updates adopted by the State of Utah.

The official High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface mapping may be viewed through the Utah Geospatial Resource Center at:

<https://opendata.gis.utah.gov/datasets/utahDNR::utah-high-risk-wui-properties-1/about>

The Town Recorder shall maintain a copy or electronic access to the current State High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface mapping for public inspection during regular business hours.

Where uncertainty exists regarding whether a property is located within a designated High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface Area, the most current version of the State of Utah High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface dataset shall govern.

The Town Council recognizes that the State of Utah may periodically revise the High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface mapping. Such revisions shall automatically become part of the Town's adopted Wildland-Urban Interface boundaries without the necessity of further amendment to this Ordinance unless otherwise required by Utah law.

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### **SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY.**

The provisions of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code shall apply to all new construction, additions, substantial remodels, subdivisions, and other development activities occurring within the boundaries identified on the adopted High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface mapping .

Where conflicts exist between the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code and other Town ordinances, the more restrictive provision shall apply.

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### **SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

The Building Official, Fire Code Official, or other individual designated by the Town Council shall administer and enforce this Ordinance and the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code.

The designated official shall have authority to:

1. Review applications for compliance;
2. Conduct inspections;
3. Issue correction notices;
4. Approve alternative materials and methods as authorized by the Code;
5. Enforce violations through available legal remedies.

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### **SECTION 5. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance or the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code shall be subject to enforcement actions authorized by the Hatch Municipal Code, including stop-work orders, permit revocation, civil penalties, misdemeanor prosecution where authorized by law, and other remedies available to the Town.

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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#### **SECTION 6. STATE HIGH-RISK WUI FEES.**

Nothing in this Ordinance shall alter, waive, or supersede any wildfire mitigation fees, assessments, or requirements imposed by the State of Utah pursuant to HB 48 or subsequent legislation.

Property owners within any State-designated High-Risk Wildland-Urban Interface Area shall remain subject to applicable state fees and assessment requirements.

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#### **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

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#### **SECTION 8. REPEALER.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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#### **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage, approval, and publication as required by Utah law.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Hatch, Utah, this 17 day of JUNE, 2026.

**TOWN OF HATCH**

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Mayor

*Key J. Baum*

*June 17, 2026*

ATTEST:

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Town Recorder

*Cathy Baum*



