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## BOARD SUMMARY REPORT

**Date:** September 13, 2019

**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Bryan Weimer, Director Public Works and Development

**From:** Joe Richards, Building Division Manager

**Subject:** **ARAPAHOE COUNTY RECOGNITION THE ADOPTION OF THE 2018 FIRE CODE BY SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

### Request and Recommendation:

This agenda item is to recommend and request that the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) adopt a resolution acknowledging the adoption of the 2018 Fire Code by South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District as it works in conjunction with the Public Works and Development Department (PWD) - Building Division and the 2015 adopted codes.

PWD Staff recommends that the BoCC support an acknowledgement resolution for the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District adoption of the 2018 Fire Code.

### Background

Historical actions by the BoCC support the cooperation with South Metro by resolution. The BoCC has historically adopted resolutions that acknowledged the various fire code adoptions by the Fire District.

### Links to Align Arapahoe

### Service First:

This resolution is consistent in providing the community with the best in Life Safety services available.



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## **Discussion**

Colorado Revised Statutes (32-1-1002(1)(d) provides that no fire code shall apply within the unincorporated portion of any county unless the governing body of such county adopts a resolution stating such code or specific portions thereof shall be applicable within the fire protection district's boundaries. Historically, the BoCC has adopted previous resolutions for acknowledging fire code resolutions.

It is in the interest of the citizens of Arapahoe County that fire protection districts be able to exercise their powers in the adoption and enforcement of fire codes.

Attached is the adoption resolution by the District for reference and the proposed BoCC Acknowledgement Resolution for approval.

## **Alternatives**

Taking no action can cause a breakdown in communication between the Fire District and the Building Division. Interaction with the South Metro Fire Rescue Fire Protection District is vital to the process of issuing certificates of occupancy insuring all life safety issues are addressed and inspected for compliance. No Certificate of Occupancy (CO's) are issued unless both institutions are in agreement.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this consent agenda item.

## **Concurrence**

The Public Works and Development Department concurs with the proposal for the Building Division to have the BoCC pass an acknowledgement resolution for the South Metro Fire Rescue and Fire Protection District adoption of the 2018 Fire Code. Staff has coordinated with the District as well.

## **Attorney Comments**

The County Attorney's Department has reviewed this document and the resolution.

## **Reviewed By**

This Board Summary Report has been reviewed by the following:

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