

## Building Department August 2023 Newsletter

### Permit Reports

The Building Department permit reports are now available online for you to review and can be found at <https://co-routtcounty2.civicplus.com/607/Newsletter-Permit-Reports>

### 2021 ICC Building and Energy Code Adoptions Update

The Building Department has scheduled all 1st Readings and 2nd Readings as required by the Jurisdictions to have our Elected Officials review for consideration our proposed ICC 2021 Building Code Adoption Ordinances that will have an effective date of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Below I have provided you the dates of each meeting per Jurisdiction in advance, which will allow you time to offer feedback by email if desired, you may share you feedback by emailing [tcarr@co.routt.co.us](mailto:tcarr@co.routt.co.us) and I will share any feedback received with our Elected Officials.

- City of Steamboat Springs 1<sup>st</sup> Reading will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
City of Steamboat Springs 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Town of Yampa 1<sup>st</sup> Reading will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Un-Incorporated Routt County 1<sup>st</sup> Reading will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Town of Oak Creek 1<sup>st</sup> Reading will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Town of Hayden 1<sup>st</sup> Reading will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
Town of Hayden 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Please remember the Building Department has provided the following Policy which allows you to submit permit applications by no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to have your projects reviewed and permitted under the current 2018 ICC Building Codes. It is very critical that you read the Policy to understand all the requirements that have to be met, and full payment of the Plan Review Fees would have to be paid and processed by no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. We highly recommend you submit at minimum of two to three weeks before December 31<sup>st</sup>, this allows us time to review your application to ensure you have provided all of the required submittals, and process your Plan Review payments as well. Thank in advance for reviewing this Policy below, by clicking on the link.

[2021 ICC Building Code Adoption Policy](#)

## **2021 ICC Proposed Building Code Adoption Document**

The Building Department has prepared a Proposed Final Draft for our Design Professionals and Contractors to review online, that contains all proposed code amendments, deletions, or additions that are being proposed within each code book for review. Please note, these are not approved for adoption and all language composed is being proposed for consideration by each Jurisdiction, final decisions are made by the Elected Officials within each Jurisdiction the Routt County Building Department serves.

The Building Department has composed many of the local amendments, deletions, or additions to our adopted codes straight from our Contractor/Professional Code Forums we held back in March and April. The goal of these forums was to collaborate with all of you and compose a code adoption that works for all parties involved, so please take time to review the links below. Please feel free to email [tcarr@co.routt.co.us](mailto:tcarr@co.routt.co.us) with any comments, suggestions or concerns on the proposed code adoptions, and I can take time to share these responses with the Elected Officials during our Public Meetings.

### **2021 Building-Energy-Plumbing-Mechanical-Fuel Gas-Wild Fire- Outdoor Snow Melt Proposed Codes**

### **Colorado State Electric and Solar Ready Codes Mandatory Adoption on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**2023 NEC Code Effective as a Contractor/Professional Reminder:** The State has adopted the 2023 NEC Code as of last week, your Electricians are well aware of the new code adoption change by the State from the 2020 NEC to the 2023 NEC, however many of our Design Professionals may not be aware. Please remember to change your Code Templates on your Design Software to properly list the 2023 NEC as the adopted code your plans are designed under, and make any changes in your plans as well. The new 2023 NEC Code is applicable on any new permit applications we receive from this point forward, all existing permits are grandfathered into the old 2020 NEC Code.

**Building Department Staffing Update Week of August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023:** The Building Department will be extremely short staffed this Thursday and Friday specifically within our Plan Review Division, so please expect some delays in getting permits issued and plans stamped towards the end of this week.

- Ron Norton: Off Work All Week
- Nick Neiberger: Off Work All Week
- Malea Michael-Ferrier: Off Work Wednesday-Thursday-Friday This Week
- Ted Allen: Off Work Thursday and Friday This Week

We appreciate your patience specifically towards the latter part of this week, and we will do our best to stay caught up with our activities, but please expect some delays in office services as we focus on inspections in the field, and priority items in the office.



Dear Building Department,

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is responsible for enforcing workplace safety and health standards including those that apply to roofing and restoration work. The purpose of this letter is to raise awareness of hazards in the roofing and restoration industry in an effort to better protect workers performing this type of work. As an organization that performs inspections to ensure compliance with building codes, we are requesting your help in ensuring compliance with worker safety standards.

Roofing work presents many hazards and remains one of the deadliest professions in the United States. In 2020, there were 351 fatal falls to a lower level out of 1,008 construction fatalities. That upward trend rose to 378 fatalities in 2021 (BLS data). In Colorado alone, OSHA has investigated several fatal fall incidents that have occurred on residential roofing jobsites. Fall protection in the construction industry continues to be the most frequently cited violation by OSHA, with a total of 5,994 citations issued in fiscal year 2022. Penalties for each Serious violation carry a penalty of up to \$15,625 and penalties for each Willful or Repeated violation carry a penalty of up to \$156,259.

While roofing work accounts for the majority of OSHA citations in the construction industry, all restoration work at elevation including, but not limited to siding, window and gutter repair requires fall protection.

I would like to emphasize that OSHA safety standards are legally mandated for any employer performing restoration work such as roofing, painting, or siding repair/replacement.

To ensure clarity, I would like to highlight a couple of key points regarding OSHA requirements:

1. OSHA standards must be followed on every construction project, regardless of its size or nature (residential or commercial).
2. Some form of fall protection is required for any work over 6 ft in height from a lower level, regardless of the roof pitch for both commercial and residential jobsites. This includes all re-roofing work and applies to warranty and repair work, even work that is short in duration.
3. While OSHA does not have jurisdiction over public sector workers in Colorado, we also encourage your department to provide the necessary tools and training to your inspectors for them to remain safe on these job sites.

OSHA compliance assistance staff is available to provide support and assistance. Compliance Assistance Specialists (CAS) in Colorado are available to answer questions and provide outreach and information to assist employers in understanding how to comply with OSHA standards. Please feel free to contact a CAS in Colorado with any questions about fall protection and other requirements specific to the roofing and restoration industry.

Hector Tabares: [tabares.hector@dol.gov](mailto:tabares.hector@dol.gov) or 303-843-4516

Meredith Post: [post.meredith@dol.gov](mailto:post.meredith@dol.gov) or 303-334-3015

OSHA's website also contains numerous resources and information on fall protection including: <https://www.osha.gov/stop-falls>

In conclusion, we request your assistance in helping to ensure that contractors comply with OSHA standards on every job. If your inspectors observe unsafe work practices, please have them share information about OSHA requirements with contractors or contact their local OSHA office for additional assistance. Working together, we can collectively contribute to a safer working environment for employees who are performing this work and save lives. Thank you for your cooperation, and I look forward to working collaboratively to make job sites in Colorado safe for all workers.

Sincerely,

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