



**TITLE:** Consideration of Moab City Council Ordinance 2026-03, an Ordinance Enacting Section 15.08.011 Under Title 15, Chapter 15.08 of the Moab Municipal Code to Adopt the 2006 Edition of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code

**DISPOSITION:** Discussion and possible action

**PRESENTER/S:** Alexi Lamm and Cory Shurtleff

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

Exhibit 1- 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code

Exhibit 2- UWUIC Map draft

Exhibit 3- UWUIC Ordinance draft

Exhibit 4- Public hearing notice

**RECOMMENDED MOTION/S:** I move to approve Moab City Ordinance 2026-03, an ordinance enacting Section 15.08.011 Under Title 15, Chapter 15.08 of the Moab Municipal Code to Adopt the 2006 Edition of the Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code

**OTHER OPTIONS:** Table action to a later meeting with specific direction to City Staff as to additional information needed to make a decision, or deny Moab Ordinance 2026-03, giving specific findings for the decision.

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**SUMMARY:**

The State of Utah, through Utah House Bill 48 (2025) encourages municipalities to adopt the 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code (UWUIC) and create a map identifying properties where the code will apply. The state provided the code, so City staff have worked toward developing the accompanying map.

To ensure preparedness requirements align with actual wildfire risk, staff consulted with Rim to Rim Restoration, the Moab Valley Fire Department, Grand County Emergency Management, and the City Attorney. Staff also reviewed multiple wildfire risk and preparedness maps, including Utah Structural Exposure Score, the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan for the Wildland – Urban Interface in Grand County and Moab City, historic fire, and others. The Planning Commission discussed the topic previously on December 1 and 11, 2025 and forwarded Ordinance No. 2026-03 to the City Council with a positive recommendation on February 12, 2026.

Based on inconsistent evaluations of wildfire risk, the potential impacts of applying the UWUIC, consultation with local authorities, legal guidance, and Planning Commission input, staff recommend adopting a map that identifies no properties for application of the UWUIC. The UWUIC and proposed map are included as Exhibits 1 and 2, and a draft ordinance for adoption of the code is included as Exhibit 3.



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**RELEVANT LAWS, STUDIES & PLANS:**

Moab City and Moab Valley Fire Protection District Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan 2020, Utah House Bill 48 Wildland Urban Interface Modifications, Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) 2003, 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:**

Strategic Initiatives, Community Development

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

State requirements for the City to adopt a WUI code and map could affect development opportunities and costs on the affected properties. The State's adopted map will also have costs associated with inspection fees and insurance.