



**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS
ORDER ADOPTING CALDWELL COUNTY FIRE CODE**

WHEREAS, Caldwell County wishes to adopt a Fire Code to protect the health and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the authority of Caldwell County to adopt a Fire Code is derived from Chapter 233, Subchapter C, Texas Local Government Code, § 233.061 et. seq., as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County finds that fires have occurred in the past within its jurisdiction and are likely to occur in the future, and that damage to property and loss of life occurs for many reasons, including fires that could have been prevented or minimized by providing additional safeguards to provide adequate egress time and protections for people exposed to fire; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Fire Code is to provide minimum requirements, regarding due function, for the design and construction or substantial improvement of public buildings, commercial establishments, and multifamily residential dwellings consisting of four or more units to reduce the risk to life and property from fire; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County finds that adopting a fire code and requiring permits for construction or substantial improvement of public buildings, commercial establishments, and multifamily residential dwellings consisting of four or more units in the unincorporated areas of Caldwell County, Texas, allows the County to impose standards to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Commissioners Court wishes to adopt the International Fire Code (2024 edition), published by the International Code Council, because it provides the appropriate protective measures and is within the best practices and continuity with other local governments in and around Caldwell County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, upon this Court's adoption of a County Fire Code, the Caldwell County Fire Marshal's Office shall inspect a building subject to Section 233.064(a) of the Texas Local Government Code to determine whether the building complies with the County Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Fire Marshal's Office shall issue permits for such inspections and collect fees according to the fee schedule adopted in the Fire Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS THAT the Caldwell County Fire Code based on the International Fire Code (2024 edition), published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted, effective August 13, 2026.

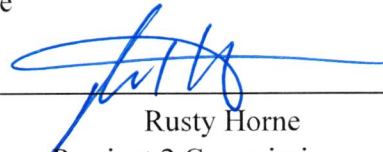
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 13th DAY OF August, 2026.



Hoppy Haden
County Judge

"Nay"

B.J. Westmoreland
Precinct 1 Commissioner



Rusty Horne
Precinct 2 Commissioner

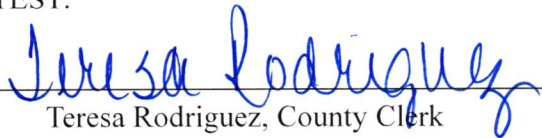


Edward Theriot
Precinct 3 Commissioner

"Oppose"

Dyral Thomas
Precinct 4 Commissioner

ATTEST:



Teresa Rodriguez, County Clerk

