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RULE TITLE: Adoption of the Oregon Defensible Space Model Code

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RULE SUMMARY: Provides for a defensible space model code and describes the process for a local jurisdiction to adopt the model code.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The Oregon Defensible Space Model Code is generally adopted every three years, coinciding with the publication of a nationally recognized wildland-urban interface code.

(2) Effective February 26th, 2026, the 2026 Oregon Defensible Space Model Code which is based on Sections 603 and 604 of the 2024 edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, as published by the International Code Council, best practices specific to this state, and as amended by the Department of the State Fire Marshal, is adopted.

[ED. NOTE: Reference publications are available for review at the agency. See the agency website for information on where to purchase publications.]

(3) The local governmental subdivision may elect to legally adopt through a local process the 2026 Oregon Defensible Space Model Code and shall be known hereafter as "the model code."

(a) The local governmental subdivision, after the local adoption process, will be responsible for the enforcement and

maintenance of the model code.

(b) Prior to local adoption of the model code, the local governmental subdivision shall notify the Department of the State Fire Marshal.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 476.030, ORS 476.392(3)

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