

**TITLE 7  
BUILDING REGULATIONS**

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**CHAPTER 1**  
**INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE**

**SECTION:**

- 7-1-1: International Building Code Adopted
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**7-1-1: INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ADOPTED:**

(A) International Building Code Adopted: The International Building Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted as an official code of the City, except the portions deleted, modified or amended by the provisions of this Chapter.

(B) Code on File: One (1) copy of the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, shall be retained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public. (Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017; Ord. 3365, 1-14-21)

**7-1-2: AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE:**

(A) A new Section, Section 101.2.2, Scope, shall be added to the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, as follow:

101.2.2 Scope. The provisions of this Code shall serve as the administrative, organizational and enforcement rules and regulations for the technical codes which regulate site preparation and construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, use and occupancy of buildings, structures and building service equipment within this jurisdiction. If there is any conflict between the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, and any other technical code, the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, shall control.

(B) Section 101.4.4, Plumbing, of the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, shall be amended to read as follows:

101.4.4 Plumbing. The provisions of the Idaho State Plumbing Code shall apply to the installation, alterations, repairs and replacement of plumbing systems, including equipment, appliances, fixtures, fittings and appurtenances, and where connected to a water or sewage system and all aspects of a medical gas system.

(C) Section 104.6, Right of entry, of the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, shall be amended to read as follows:

104.6 Right of entry. Where it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the provisions of this Code, or where the building official has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in a structure or upon a premises a condition which is contrary to or in violation of this Code which makes the structure or premises unsafe, dangerous or hazardous, the building official is authorized to enter the structure or premises at reasonable times to inspect or to

perform the duties imposed by this Code, provided that if such structure or premises be occupied that credentials be presented to the occupant and entry requested. If such structure or premises is unoccupied, the building official shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person having charge or control of the structure or premises and request entry. If entry is refused, or if the owner or person in control cannot be located, the building official shall have recourse to the remedies provided by law to secure entry.

(D) Section 113.2, Limitations on authority, of the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, shall be amended to read as follows:

113.2 Limitations on authority. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this Code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this Code do not fully apply, or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed pursuant to the criteria set forth in section 104.11 of the International Building Code, 2012 Edition. The board shall have no authority to waive requirements of this Code.

(E) Section 305.2.3 shall be amended to read as follows:

305.2.3. Twelve (12) or fewer children in a dwelling unit. A facility such as the above within a dwelling unit and having twelve (12) or fewer children receiving such day care shall be classified as a Group R-3 occupancy or shall comply with the International Residential Code.

(F) Section 308.6.4 shall be amended to read as follows:

308.6.4. Persons receiving care in a dwelling unit. A facility such as the above within a dwelling unit and having twelve (12) or fewer children receiving day care or having five (5) or fewer persons receiving custodial care shall be classified as a Group R-3 occupancy or shall comply with the International Residential Code.

(G) Section 310.5 shall be amended to read as follows:

310.5. Residential Group R-3. Residential Group R-3 occupancies where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature and not classified as Group R-1, R-2, R-4, E or I, including:

- i. Buildings that do not contain more than two (2) dwelling units;
- ii. Boarding houses (nontransient) with sixteen (16) or fewer occupants;
- iii. Boarding houses (transient) with ten (10) or fewer occupants;
- iv. Care facilities that provide accommodations for five (5) or fewer persons receiving care;
- v. Congregate living facilities (nontransient) with sixteen (16) or fewer occupants;
- vi. Congregate living facilities (transient) with ten (10) or fewer occupants; or
- vii. Dwelling units providing day care for twelve (12) or fewer children.

viii. Lodging houses with five (5) or fewer guest rooms.

(H) Section 310.5.1 shall be amended to read as follows:

310.5.1. Care facilities within a dwelling. Care facilities for twelve (12) or fewer children receiving day care or for five (5) or fewer persons receiving care that are within a single-family dwelling are permitted to comply with the International Residential Code.

(I) Chapter 29, Plumbing Systems of the International Building Code, 2015 Edition, shall be amended to read as follows:

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Table 2902.1 Footnote “e” shall be amended to read as follows:

e. For business occupancies, excluding restaurants, and mercantile occupancies with an occupant load of thirty (30) or fewer, server sinks shall not be required.

Table 2902.1 Footnote “f” shall be added to read as follows:

f. Drinking fountains are not required for an occupant load of thirty (30) or fewer.

Table 2902.1 Footnote “g” shall be added to read as follows:

g. For business and mercantile occupancies with an occupant load of thirty (30) or fewer, service sinks shall not be required. (Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017)

**CHAPTER 2**  
**INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

SECTION:

- 7-2-1: International Property Maintenance Code Adopted
- 7-2-2: Amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code

7-2-1: INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ADOPTED:

- A. International Property Maintenance Code Adopted: The International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted as an official code of the City, except the portions deleted, modified, or amended by the provisions of this Chapter.
- B. Code on File: One (1) copy of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition, duly certified by the Clerk, shall be retained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public. (Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017; Ord. 3365, 1-14-21).

7-2-2: AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE:

(A) Section 111.1 Application for appeal, of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition, shall be amended to read as follows:

111.1 Application for appeal. Any person directly affected by a decision of the Code official or a notice or order issued under this Code shall have the right to appeal to the board of appeals, provided that written application for appeal is filed within twenty (20) days after the day the decision, notice or order was served. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this Code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted. (Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017)

**CHAPTER 3**  
**SCHOOL BUILDING CODE**

**SECTION:**

- 7-3-1: Adoption of Codes for School Buildings:
- 7-3-2: School Plan Review:
- 7-3-3: Plan Review Fees:

7-3-1:           **ADOPTION OF CODES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS:** There are hereby adopted as official building codes of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho all of the International Building Codes referenced in Idaho Code Section 39-4109, provided such Codes shall be applicable only to the extent set forth hereinbelow with respect to the construction of any new school building or addition or alteration to any existing school building which is estimated to cost in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). One copy of each of such Codes shall at all times be maintained at the office of the Clerk and one copy shall be maintained at the office of the Community Development Services Department. (Ord. 2233, 5-22-97; Ord. 2577, 12-26-04; Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3365, 1-14-21)

7-3-2:           **SCHOOL PLAN REVIEW:** It shall be unlawful for any school district to advertise for any bid for the construction of any new school building or addition or alteration to an existing school building located or to be located within the City and estimated to cost in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), unless the plans have been first reviewed by the Building Official and approved in accordance with the provisions of the International Codes adopted in Section 7-3-1 of this Chapter. Nothing herein shall require the Building Official to inspect or otherwise enforce the provisions of such Codes once such plan review has been completed and approval thereof given by the Building Official. (Ord. 2233, 5-22-97; Ord. 2577, 12-26-04; Ord. 2964, 8-14-14)

7-3-3:           **PLAN REVIEW FEES:** Prior to and as a condition for the approval of such plans, a school district seeking such plan review shall pay a plan review fee as set forth in the International Building Code. (Ord. 2233, 5-22-97; Ord. 2577, 12-26-04)

**CHAPTER 4  
INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE**

**SECTION:**

**7-4-1: INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE ADOPTED:**

(A) International Fuel Gas Code Adopted: The International Fuel Gas Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted as an official Code of the City, except the portions deleted, modified, or amended by the provisions of this Chapter.

(B) Code on File: One (1) copy of the International Fuel Gas Code, 2015 Edition, shall be retained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public. (Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017).

**7-4-2: AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE:**

(A) Section 103.2 of the International Fuel Gas Code, 2015 Edition, shall be amended to read as follows:

103.2 Appointment. The code official shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction.

(B) Section 109.1 of the International Fuel Gas Code, 2015 Edition, shall be amended to read as follows:

109.1 Application for appeal. A person shall have the right to appeal a decision of the code official to the board of appeals. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder, have been incorrectly interpreted. The application shall be filed on a form obtained from the code official within twenty (20) days after the notice was served.

(C) Sections 620.2 and 620.7 of the International Fuel Gas Code, 2012 Edition, are hereby deleted.

(Ord. 2319, 3-25-99; Ord. 2477, 12-19-02; Ord. 2570, 12-09-04; Ord. 2727, 11-20-07; Ord. 2856, 12-16-10; Ord. 2989, 12215; Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017)

**CHAPTER 5  
UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE**

**SECTION:**

- 7-5-1: Uniform Plumbing Code Adopted
- 7-5-2: Amendments to the Uniform Plumbing Code

**7-5-1: IDAHO STATE PLUMBING CODE ADOPTED**

**IDAHO STATE PLUMBING CODE ADOPTED**

(A) Plumbing Code Adopted: The Idaho State Plumbing Code, adopted in 2013 pursuant to Idaho Code Title 54, Chapter 26, is hereby adopted as the official Plumbing Code of the City, except for those portions that are deleted, modified or amended by the provisions of this Chapter.

(B) Idaho State Plumbing Code on File: Three (3) copies of the Idaho State Plumbing Code adopted by this Chapter and duly certified by the Clerk, shall be retained by the City for use in and examination by the public. One (1) copy shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk and two (2) copies shall be filed in the Office of the Department of Community Development Services. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3365, 1-14-21)

**7-5-2: AMENDMENTS TO THE IDAHO STATE PLUMBING CODE:** The following amendments shall be made to the Idaho State Plumbing Code:

(A) Chapter 1, Administration.

Chapter 1 of the Idaho State Plumbing Code is hereby deleted and replaced with Chapter 1 of the International Building Code, (2012 Edition).

(B) Chapter 3, General Regulations.

313.12.4 shall be deleted.

(C) Chapter 4, Plumbing Fixtures and Fixture Fittings.

402.4 “Metered Faucets,” shall be amended to read as follows: “Self-closing or self-closing metering faucets may be installed on lavatories intended to serve the transient public, such as those in, but not limited to, service stations, train stations, airports, restaurants, and convention halls. Metered faucets shall deliver a maximum of 0.26 gallons (1.0 liter) of water per use.”

411.4 shall be deleted.

412.1 shall be amended to read as follows: “Plumbing fixtures shall be provided for the type of building occupancy and in the minimum number shown in Chapter 29 of the City’s currently adopted International Building Code, (2012 Edition).”

(D) Chapter 5, Water Heaters.



508.5 shall be amended to read as follows: “Discharge from a relief valve into a water heater pan shall be allowed, provided that the pan connection and its drain piping are sized at least one (1) pipe size larger than the outlet of the relief valve.”

(E) Chapter 6, Water Supply and Distribution.

604.8 Exception shall be amended by the retention of the first sentence only and the deletion of all other sentences in such Exception to 604.8.

(F) Chapter 7, Sanitary Drainage.

710.9 shall have a sentence added to it as follows: “A single pump is permitted for public use occupancies when the sump basin receives the discharge of not more than one (1) toilet and ten (10) other drainage fixture units.”

(G) Chapter 10, Traps and Interceptors.

Table 10-1 shall be amended to change the footnote that is indicated by an asterisk to read as follows: “The trap arm lengths of water closets or similar fixtures which depend upon self-siphoning and re-filling of their traps for proper operation shall be unlimited.”

(H) IDAPA Rule 07.02.06.011.16 shall be deleted and replaced with the following language:

Pot sinks, scullery sinks, dishwashing sinks, silverware sinks, commercial dishwashing machines, silverware-washing machines, and other similar fixtures shall be connected directly to the drainage system. A floor drain shall be provided adjacent to the fixture, and the fixture shall be connected on the sewer side of the floor drain trap, provided that no other drainage line is connected between the floor drain waste connection and the fixture drain. The fixture and floor drain shall be trapped and vented as required by this Code.

(I) IDAPA Rule 07.02.06.011.20 shall be deleted and replaced with the following language:

Food preparation sinks, pot sinks, scullery sinks, dishwashing sinks, silverware sinks, commercial dishwashing machines, silverware-washing machines, steam kettles, potato peelers, ice cream dipper wells, and other similar equipment and fixtures must be indirectly connected to the drainage system by means of an air gap. The piping from the equipment to the receptor must not be smaller than the drain on the unit, but it must not be smaller than one (1) inch (twenty-five and four tenths (25.4) mm).

**CHAPTER 6**  
**INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE**

**SECTION:**

**7-6-1: INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE ADOPTED:**

(A) International Residential Code Adopted: The International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., including Appendix M, is hereby adopted as an official code of the City, except the portions deleted, modified and amended by the provisions of this Chapter.

(B) Code on File: One (1) copy of the International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings, 2015 Edition, shall be retained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public. (Ord. 2236, 6-12-97; Ord. 2474, 12-19-02; Ord. 2571, 12-09-04; Ord. 2724, 11-20-07; Ord. 2859, 12-16-10; Ord. 2990, 1-22-15; Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017; Ord. 3365, 1-14-21)

**7-6-2: AMENDMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE:**

(A) The exceptions to Section R101.2, Scope, shall be amended to read as follows:

Exceptions: Owner-occupied lodging houses with five (5) or fewer guestrooms shall be permitted to be constructed in accordance with the International Residential Code for One- and Two-family dwellings.

(B) Paragraph (1) of the “Building” section of Section R105.2, Work Exempt from Permit, shall be amended to read as follows:

**Building:**

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (18.58 m<sup>2</sup>).
2. fences not over seven (7) feet (one thousand, eight hundred twenty-nine (1,829) mm) high may be exempted from the requirement for a building permit in the absence of any other
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Sidewalks and driveways.

6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are greater than four (4) feet (one thousand, two hundred nineteen (1219 mm) deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m<sup>2</sup>) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.
11. Flag poles.

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(F) The Exception to Section R302.2, Townhouses, shall be amended to read as follows:

**Exception:** A common two-hour or two (2) one-hour fire resistance rated wall assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E 119 or UL 263 is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. The wall shall be rated of fire exposure from both sides and shall extended to and be tight against the exterior walls and the underside of the roof sheathing. Penetration of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4.

(G) Section R303.4, Mechanical ventilation, shall be amended to read as follows:

R303.4 Mechanical Ventilation. Dwelling units shall be provided with whole-house mechanical ventilation in accordance with Section M1507.3.

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(H) Section R313, Automatic Fire Suppression System, shall be deleted in its entirety.

(I) Section R315.3, Where Required in Existing Dwellings, shall be amended and read as follows:

R315.3 Where required in existing dwellings. Where work requiring a permit occurs in existing dwellings that have attached garages or in existing dwellings within which fuel-fired appliances exist, carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided in accordance with Section R315.1.

**Exceptions:**

1. Work involving the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as, but not limited to, replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck or electrical permits, are exempt from the requirements of this section; and
2. Installation, alteration, or repairs of noncombustion plumbing or mechanical systems are exempt from the requirements of this section.

(J) Section R322.1.10, As-built Elevation Documentation shall be deleted in its entirety.

(K) Subparagraph 2.2. of Section R322.2.2, Enclosed Area Below Design Flood Elevation, shall be amended to read as follows:

R322.2.2. The total net area of all opening shall be at least one (1) square inch (645 mm<sup>2</sup>) for each square foot (.093 m<sup>2</sup>) of enclosed area, or the opening shall be designed and the construction documents shall include a state that the design and installation of the openings will provide for equalization of hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

(K) IRC Table R403.1(1) & (2) Min. Width and Thickness for Concrete Footings shall be replaced with the following:

TABLE R403.1  
MINIMUM WIDTH OF CONCRETE,  
PRECAST OR MASONRY FOOTINGS (inches)<sup>a</sup>

	LOAD-BEARING VALUE OF SOIL (psf)			
	1,500	2,000	3,000	≥ 4,000
<b>Conventional light-frame construction</b>				
1-story	12	12	12	12
2-story	15	12	12	12
3-story	23	17	12	12
<b>4-inch brick veneer over light frame or 8-inch hollow concrete masonry</b>				
1-story	12	12	12	12
2-story	21	16	12	12
3-story	32	24	16	12
<b>8-inch solid or fully grouted masonry</b>				
1-story	16	12	12	12
2-story	29	21	14	12
3-story	42	32	21	16

(L) The Exception to Section R405.1, Concrete or Masonry Foundations, shall be amended to read as follows:

**Exception:**

A drainage system is not required when the foundation is installed on well-drained ground or sand-gravel mixture soils according to the Unified Soil Classification System, Group 1 and Group II soils, as detailed in Table R405.1.

(M) Section R302.13, Fire Protection of Floors, and the exceptions to R302.13 shall be deleted in their entirety.

(N) Table R602.7.5, Minimum Number of Full height studs at each end of header in exterior walls, shall be amended to read as follows:

**TABLE R602.7.5  
MINIMUM NUMBER OF FULL-HEIGHT STUDS AT EACH END OF HEADERS IN EXTERIOR WALLS<sup>a</sup>**

MAXIMUM HEADER SPAN (feet)	ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEED AND EXPOSURE CATEGORY	
	< 140 mph, Exposure B or < 130 mph, Exposure C	≤ 115 mph, Exposure B <sup>b</sup>
4	1	1
6	2	1
8	2	1
10	3	2
12	3	2
14	3	2
16	4	2
18	4	2

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 mile per hour = 0.447 m/s.

a. For header spans between those given, use the minimum number of full-height studs associated with the larger header span.

b. The tabulated minimum number of full-height studs is applicable where jack studs are provided to support the header at each end in accordance with Table R602.7(1). Where a framing anchor is used to support the header in lieu of a jack stud in accordance with Note d of Table R602.7(1), the minimum number of full-height studs at each end of a header shall be in accordance with requirements for wind speed < 140 mph, Exposure B.

(O) Section R602.10, Wall Bracing shall be amended to read as follows:

R602.10 Wall Bracing. Buildings shall be braced in accordance with this section or, when applicable section R602.12, or the most current edition of APA System Report SR102 as an alternate method. Where a building, or portion thereof, does not comply with one (1) or more of the bracing requirements in this section, those portions shall be designated and constructed in accordance with section R301.1.

(P) Section N1102.4.1.2. (R402.4.1.2) Testing, shall be amended to read as follows:

N1102.4.1.2 (R402.4.1.2) Testing option. Building envelope tightness and insulation installation shall be considered acceptable when tested air leakage is less than five (5) air changes per hour (ACH) when tested with a blower door at a pressure of 33.5 psf (50 Pa). Testing shall occur after rough in and after installation of penetrations of the building envelope, including penetrations for utilities, plumbing, electrical, ventilation and combustion appliances. During testing:

- i. Exterior windows and doors, fireplace and stove doors shall be closed, but not sealed;
- ii. Dampers shall be closed, but not sealed, including exhaust, intake, makeup air, backdraft and flue dampers;

- iii. Interior doors shall be open;
- iv. Exterior openings for continuous ventilation systems and heat recovery ventilators shall be closed and sealed;
- v. Heating and cooling system(s) shall be turned off;
- vi. HVAC ducts shall not be sealed; and
- vii. Supply and return registers shall not be sealed.

(Q) Subparagraph Section N1102.4.1.3. (R402.4.1.3) Visual Inspection Option, shall be amended to read as follows:

N1102.4.1.3 (R402.4.1.3) Visual inspection option. Building envelope tightness and insulation installation shall be considered acceptable when the items listed in Table 402.4.1.1, applicable to the method of construction, are field verified. Where required by code official an approved party independent from the installer of the insulation shall inspect the air barrier and insulation.

(R) The following section shall be added to the International Residential Code, 2012 Edition:

N1103.2.3 (R403.2.3). Building framing cavities shall not be used as ducts or plenums. Exception: Building framing cavities used as ducts or plenums shall comply with Section M1601.1.1.

(S) Table N1102.2.2 (Table R402.1.1) shall be amended to read as follows:

**Insulation and Fenestration Requirements By Component<sup>a</sup>**

Climate Zone	Fenestration U- Factor	Skylight U-factor	Glazed Fenestration SHGC	Ceiling R- Value	Wood Frame Wall R- Value	Mass Wall R- Value	Floor R- Value	Basement Wall R- Value	Slab R- Value	Crawlspace Wall R- Value
5 and Marine 4	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20 or 13+5h	13/17	30g	15/19	10, 2 ft	15/19
6	0.32	0.55	NR	49	22or 13+10h	15/20	30g	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19

(Ord. 2990, 1-22–15; Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017)

**CHAPTER 7**  
**INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE**

**SECTION:**

- 7-7-1: International Building Code Adopted
- 7-7-2: Amendments to the International Mechanical Code

**7-7-1: INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ADOPTED:**

(A) International Mechanical Code Adopted: The International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted as an official Code of the City, except the portions deleted, modified or amended by the provisions of this Chapter.

(B) Code on File: One (1) copy of the International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, shall be retained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public. (Ord. 2318, 3-25-99; Ord. 2476, 12-19-02; Ord. 2569, 12-09-04; Ord. 2726, 11-20-07; Ord. 2857, 12-16-10; Ord. 2988, 1-22-15; Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017)

**7-7-2: AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE:**

(A) Section 103.2, Appointment, shall be amended to read as follows:

103.2 Appointment. The Code Official shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction.

(B) Section 109.1 Application for Appeal, shall be amended to read as follows:

109.1 Application for appeal. A person shall have the right to appeal a decision of the code official to the board of appeals. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted. The application shall be filed on a form obtained from the code official within twenty (20) days after the notice was served.

(Ord. 2318, 3-25-99; Ord. 2476, 12-19-02; Ord. 2569, 12-09-04; Ord. 2726, 11-20-07; Ord. 2857, 12-16-10; Ord. 2988, 1-22-15; Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017)

**CHAPTER 8  
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE**

**SECTION:**

7-8-1: Adoption of National Electrical Code

7-8-2: (Repealed)

7-8-1: **ADOPTION OF NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE:**

(A) National Electrical Code Adopted: The National Electrical Code, published by the National Fire Protection Association, is hereby adopted as an official code of the City. The version adopted by the City shall be the same National Electric Code adopted by the State of Idaho pursuant to Idaho Code Section 54-1001 and Idaho Administrative Rule 7.01.06.011.

(B) Code on File. One (1) copy of the National Electrical Code, adopted by the City, shall be retained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public. (Ord. 2322, 4-22-99; Ord. 2451, 6-25-02; Ord. 2607, 7-14-05; Ord. 2758, 6-12-08; Ord. 3020, 8-27-15)

7-8-2: (Repealed) (Ord. 2322, 4-22-99; Ord. 2451, 6-25-02; Ord. 2607, 7-14-05)



## **CHAPTER 9 SIGN CODE**

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7-9-1: **ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER SIGNS AND CHANGEABLE COPY PANELS:** Electronic message center signs and changeable copy signs shall be permitted within an on-premise freestanding pole or wall sign in commercial zones, except as provided in this Sign Code. Electronic message center signs shall not be permitted in the downtown area bounded on the north by and including G Street, on the west by and including Memorial Drive, on the east by the extended north-south alleyway located between Yellowstone Highway and Shoup Avenue, and on the south by and including Broadway. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3277, 10-10-19)

7-9-2: **PURPOSE:** The Council hereby finds and declares that it is necessary to regulate the construction, erection, maintenance, electrification, illumination, type, size, number, and location of signs to protect the health, safety, property, and welfare of the public, improve the neat, clean, orderly, and attractive appearance of the City; provide for the safe erection and maintenance of signs; eliminate signs that demand, rather than invite, public attention; and provide for sign needs of special areas, facilities, centers, and districts. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-3: **ENFORCEMENT:** The Community Development Services Department shall be responsible for the enforcement and administration of this Code. The Community Development Services Department shall inspect each sign for which a permit has been issued and shall require the proper maintenance of all signs subject to the provisions of this Code. Upon presentation of proper credentials, an agent of the Community Development Services Department may enter at reasonable times any building, structure, or premises in the City to perform any duty imposed by this Code. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15)

7-9-4: **CITY SIGN CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE REQUIRED:** It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to erect or to engage in the business of erecting any sign as herein defined within the corporate limits of the City of Idaho Falls unless such person, partnership, or corporation shall have obtained a license from the City of Idaho Falls authorizing them or it to do sign contracting, or unless such persons are expressly exempted from the provisions hereof. Application for permits to erect signs will be accepted and permits granted only to such persons, partnership, or corporation as are licensed by the City of Idaho Falls to perform such sign contracting. (Ord. 3282, 11-26-19)

7-9-5: **APPLICATIONS:** Application for a sign contractor’s license shall be made in writing upon forms furnished by the Clerk. The application shall contain such information as may

be required by the Community Development Services Department to determine compliance with this ordinance. (Ord. 04-23-15; Ord. 3282, 11-26-19)

7-9-6:           **FEES AND LICENSE TERM:** : Fees for sign contractor's license shall be in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council. Every sign contractor license shall be issued on a calendar year basis to expire one (1) year from the date that the license is issued, and shall not be prorated for portions of a year for renewal of license. (Ord. 2964, 8-14-14; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3282, 11-26-19)

7-9-7:           **BOND REQUIRED:** No sign contractor shall be issued a permit for the erection of a sign in the City until such person shall have filed with the Clerk a bond in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council conditioned upon compliance with this Sign Code. (Ord. 2964, 8-14-14; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3282, 11-26-19)

7-9-8:           **BOND TO BE EXECUTED BY QUALIFIED SURETY:** All bonds shall be executed by a qualified surety company licensed to do business in the State of Idaho and shall be conditioned upon the faithful observance of the ordinances of the City of Idaho Falls now or hereafter enacted relating to the erection and maintenance of signs, to save and keep harmless the City of Idaho Falls, its officials, and employees from all damages, liabilities, losses or judgments that may be recovered against the City by reason of negligent erection of any of the aforesaid signs, or negligent maintenance of any sign owned by, or maintained by such sign contractor.

7-9-9:           **INSURANCE POLICY:** All licensees are required to furnish to the Clerk a copy of an insurance policy insuring the licensee against loss by reason of liability for bodily injury, death, or property damage caused by or arising out of the licensed activity. The City and its officers and agents must be named as additional insured under the policy. The amount of such insurance shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for injury or death to one (1) person nor less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for injury or death to more than one (1) person in any one (1) occurrence, nor less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for property damage. Said policy shall not be cancelable unless ten (10) days' prior written notice is given to the City. If said policy lapses, is canceled, or otherwise becomes ineffective, the license shall automatically and forthwith become void and of no effect, and the Clerk is not required to give notice thereof to the licensee. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

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7-9-10:           **SIGN PERMIT REQUIRED:**

(A) Subject to the provisions of this Sign Code, no sign shall be erected, re-erected, constructed, altered, or maintained, except as provided by this Sign Code and a permit for the same has been issued by the Community Development Services Department. A separate permit shall be required for each person or entity erecting a sign or signs and a separate permit shall be required for each separate sign on a single supporting structure.

(B) The following shall not be considered signs as defined and regulated by this Sign Code:

(1) Traffic and other municipal signs (including those shown within the City's Signage and Wayfinding Program), house numbers, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger and warning signs and state, and federal highway signs.

(2) Memorial tablets or tablets containing the name, date, erection, and use of the buildings, when built into the walls of the buildings and constructed of bronze, brass, marble, stone, or other non-combustible materials.

(C) No illuminated or floodlighted sign shall be connected to the electrical wiring source unless an electrical permit has been issued by the Building Official.

(D) Conversion of a sign face from a conventional sign or billboard to a tri-vision, LED sign or billboard, or other multiple message sign will require a sign permit.

(E) No permanent sign permit shall be issued to any person other than a licensed sign contractor. All sign permit requests shall be submitted with one (1) complete set of drawings and specifications.

(F) A sign permit shall be required for the following signs but no fee will be charged for non-illuminated and non-floodlighted flat signs, wall signs, and freestanding signs having an area not in excess of one hundred square feet (100 ft<sup>2</sup>) when placed at the site of a building under construction or demolition provided that not more than one (1) such sign shall be erected on each street frontage and also provided said signs are not erected more than sixty (60) days prior to commencement of construction or demolition and are removed within thirty (30) days after completion thereof.

(Ord. 2669, 09-29-06; Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16, Ord. 3207, 09-08-18)

7-9-11: MESSAGE SUBSTITUTION: A noncommercial message may be substituted for any commercial message or for any noncommercial message. (Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 2964, 8-14-14; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-12: DEFINITIONS: The words and terms used in this Sign Code shall have the meanings indicated below.

**AWNING:** An architectural projection that provides weather protection, identity, or decoration and is wholly supported by the building to which it is attached. An awning is comprised of lightweight, rigid skeleton over which a covering is attached.

**BLANKETING:** The partial or complete shutting off of the face of one sign by another sign.

**BUILDING FACADE:** That portion of an exterior elevation of a building extending from grade to the top of the parapet wall or eaves and the entire width of the building elevation.

**CANOPY:** An architectural projection that provides weather protection, identity, or decoration and is supported by the building to which it is attached and at the outer end by not less than one (1) stanchion. A canopy is comprised of a rigid structure over which a covering is attached.

**CHANGEABLE COPY PANEL:** A panel which is characterized by changeable copy, regardless of method of attachment.

**COMMERCIAL ZONE:** Commercial zones shall be the PB, LC, HC, and CC zones as well as the PT overlay.

**COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL/SPECIAL PURPOSE ZONE:** Industrial/manufacturing commercial zones shall be the LM, I&M, and R&D zones.

**DISSOLVE:** A mode of message transition accomplished by varying the light intensity or pattern, where the first message gradually appears to dissipate and lose legibility simultaneously with the gradual appearance and legibility of the second message.

**FADE:** A mode of message transition accomplished by varying the light intensity, where the first message gradually reduces intensity to the point of not being legible and the subsequent message gradually increases the intensity to the point of legibility.

**FOOTCANDLE:** A unit of illumination produced on a surface all points of which are one (1) foot from a uniform point source equivalent to one (1) candle brightness of illumination.

**FRONTAGE:** The lineal measurement of a lot or building, whichever is less, facing upon a street. In shopping centers, frontage for each separate store shall be based on the width of the front of each business. For the shopping center as a whole, frontage shall be based on the total lineal footage of all building frontage onto a street.

**HABITABLE:** For purposes of this ordinance, habitable means those areas of a building which are approved under building and fire code for human occupancy and are located at or above ground level.

**HEIGHT (OF SIGN):** The distance from the base of the sign at grade to the highest attached component of the sign.

**MAINTENANCE:** Every sign shall be maintained in complete operating condition and in good safety and repair. No broken, bent, cracked, decayed, dented, leaning, splintered, ripped, torn, twisted, or signs in danger of falling shall be allowed. The landscaped area in which any sign is placed shall be kept free from weeds, garbage, and debris. Maintenance includes the repair of facades where signs have been removed, the painting, cleaning, and repairing of the sign. Maintenance does not include structural alterations, cosmetic, or style changes or enlargements of face changes.

**MARQUEE:** A permanent roofed structure attached to and supported by the building and projecting over public right-of-way.

**NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL:** Any material which will not ignite at or below a temperature of 1200 degrees F during an exposure of five (5) minutes and will not continue to burn or glow at that temperature. Tests for determining combustibility shall conform to the ASTM E136-79.

**OFFICER:** Includes officers and boards in charge of departments and the members of such boards, and such references as to the Clerk or City Treasurer, as the case may be applicable.

**PROFESSIONAL OFFICE ZONE:** Professional office zones shall be the R3A and PB zones.

**RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY:** Low density residential zones shall include the RE, RP, and R1 zones.

**RESIDENTIAL, HIGH DENSITY:** High density residential zones shall include the R3 and R3A zones.

**RESIDENTIAL, MEDIUM DENSITY:** Medium density residential zones shall include the R2, TN, and RMH zones.

**SIGN:** A name, identification, description, display, or illustration, which is affixed to, painted, or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, or other outdoor surface which directs attention to or is designed or intended to direct attention to a sign face or to an object, product, place, activity, person, institution, organization or business.

**SCROLL:** A mode of message transition where the message appears to move vertically across the display surface.

**SIGN, ANIMATED:** A sign depicting action, motion, light, or color changes through electrical or mechanical means. Includes the use of sequential switching on and off of graphically arranged fluorescent lamps, cathode tubes, LEDs, or incandescent bulbs so as to provide the illusion of movement.

**SIGN, AWNING:** Any sign that is a part of an awning, canopy, or other fabric, plastic, or structural protective cover over a door, entrance, window, or outdoor service area.

**SIGN, BACKGROUND:** The entire area of a sign upon which copy is placed.

**SIGN, BILLBOARD:** An off-premise sign supported by one (1) or more upright columns or braces in or upon the ground having either a solid background used for pasting of a sign, a display device capable of presenting three (3) separate images sequentially by rotating triangular devices, or a programmable display that has the capability, through light emitting diodes (LED) technology, to present text or symbolic imagery.

**SIGN, CLOTH:** Any sign executed upon or composed on any flexible fabric.

**SIGN, COPY AREA:** The area within the outer boundaries of standard geometrical shapes (primarily squares, rectangles, and circles) containing and defined by the extreme limits of writing, representation, emblem, or other display, together with any material, lighting, or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed but not including any framework, supports, structure, or wall.

**SIGN, ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER:** A sign that utilizes computer-generated messages or some other electronic means of changing copy. These signs include, but are not limited to, displays using incandescent lamps, LEDs, LCDs, or a flipper matrix.

**SIGN, ENTRANCE:** A sign located within the front setback at the entrance to a property zoned commercial or a sign located at the entrance to a subdivision or development within residential zones.

**SIGN, FLASHING:** A sign which uses strobe lights, rotary beacons, zip lights, flashing lights, or signs illuminated in such a way they appear to flash.

**SIGN, FREESTANDING POLE:** A sign which is supported by one (1) or more columns upright or braces in or upon the ground.

**SIGN, ILLUMINATED:** A sign in which an internal or external source of light is used in order to make the message or sign visible.

**SIGN, MASTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT:** Signs that identify large commercially zoned areas, adjacent to arterial streets, and that are intended to be developed together according to an approved Master Land Use Plan.

**SIGN, MARQUEE:** Any sign attached to or made an integral part of a marquee.

**SIGN, MONUMENT:** A free-standing sign where the sign face is supported by a continuous and solid base that extends the full length of the sign face.

**SIGN, NON-COMBUSTIBLE:** A sign that is constructed entirely of non-combustible material.

**SIGN, OFF PREMISE:** Any sign which directs attention to a use, products, commodity or service not related to the premises on which it is located.

**SIGN, ON PREMISE:** A sign promoting any service, product, or business located, sold or available on the premises upon which the sign is located.

**SIGN, PORTABLE:** Any sign not permanently attached to a permanent structure.

**SIGN, PROJECTING:** Any sign attached to a building or structure and extending perpendicularly from said building or structure.

**SIGN, REVOLVING:** A sign which has vertical or horizontal rotation of any of its parts by mechanical means.

**SIGN, ROOF:** Any sign erected upon or supported by a parapet or roof of a building.

**SIGN, SPECIALTY:** Signs placed in the public right-of-way through programs administered by the Airport or Parks and Recreation Departments.

**SIGN, STRUCTURE:** Any structure which supports any sign as defined in this Code.

**SIGN, WALL:** A sign affixed to a wall of a building or structure and which projects not more than eighteen (18) inches over public property from the building or structure wall and which does not extend above the parapet, eaves or building facade of the building on which it is located.

**SIGN, WINDOW:** Any permanent or semi-permanent sign affixed to a building's windows such as vinyl wraps and lettering. This excludes hours of operations notifications.

**TRANSITION:** A visual effect used to change from one message to another.

**TRAVEL:** A mode of message transition where the message appears to be move horizontally across the display surface.

**TRIM, NON-STRUCTURAL:** Molding, battens, capes, nailing strips, latticing, cutouts or letters and walkways which are attached to a sign structure.

**INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE:** The officially adopted building code of the City of Idaho Falls. (Ord. 2445, 4-25-02; Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 2669, 9-29-06; Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 2817, 7-23-09; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3181, 04-12-18; Ord. 3207, 09-08-18; Ord. 3332, 09-10-20)

7-9-13: **PASTING AND TACKING PROHIBITED:** No sign shall be pasted or glued directly on any exterior wall or roof or affixed directly on any exterior wall or roof by means of any similar adhesive substance. No paper or cloth sign shall be tacked directly on any exterior wall or roof.

7-9-14: **NOISE SIGNS PROHIBITED:** It shall be unlawful to use in connection with any sign or to use for advertising purposes any radio, phonograph, whistle, bell or any other sound or noise making or transmitting device or instrument for the purpose of commercial advertising.

7-9-15: **ANIMATED SIGNS AND FLASHING SIGNS PROHIBITED:** Any person who constructs or uses a flashing sign within the City is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 2445, 4-25-02; Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-16: **OFF-PREMISE SIGNS PROHIBITED:** All off-premise signs are prohibited, except for Billboards allowed pursuant to this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)



7-9-17: **MARQUEE SIGNS:** Any person who constructs or uses a marquee sign over public property within the City is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-18: **COPY AREA:** Copy area of a building facade or of multiple copy signs shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the background facing to which it is applied. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-19: **NON-CONFORMING SIGNS AND THEIR REMOVAL:** Signs in existence on the date of enactment of this Sign Code which do not conform to the provisions of this Sign Code, but which were constructed, erected, affixed or maintained in compliance with all previous regulations, shall be regarded as non-conforming signs which may be continued from the effective date of this Sign Code, but shall not be structurally altered, relocated, or replaced without immediately being brought into compliance with all the provisions of this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-20: **VARIANCES:** The purpose of this Sign Code is to require signs necessary to advise the traveler and resident of the services and products available on premises be related to the size of the building housing such goods and services. A person may seek a variance to the provisions of this Sign Code governing the height or permitted square footage of the copy area for on- premise signs by following the procedures outlined in the City Zoning Code. The Board of Adjustment may grant a variance for signs regulated by this Sign Code if it finds the proposed sign:

- (1) Does not negatively impact its neighborhood environment or aesthetics and is absolutely necessary to adequately identify the premises.
- (2) The frontage of the building upon which the maximum permitted sign size is based is disproportionately small in comparison to the floor area or size of the building associated with such sign; or
- (3) Is historically significant to the community.

A variance may not be granted to the standards or findings required under Sections 7-9-43, 7-9-48, and 7-9-49 or for the spacing standards for Billboard locations found in Tables 1-7 of this Sign Code. (Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3207, 09-08-18)

7-9-21: **SIGNS OVER STREETS PROHIBITED:** It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain any sign over any street or alley, except as herein expressly provided. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-22: **SIGNS NOT TO COVER WINDOWS, DOORS OR SIMILAR OPENINGS:** No sign shall cover a window, doorway, or other opening providing light or ventilation or exit facilities which are required by the most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code or International Fire Code to be necessary to give access to the building, or to afford fire protection in the event of a fire; provided, however, that flat signs, wall signs, cloth signs and projecting signs may cover transoms. (Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-23:        **BLANKETING:** To prevent blanketing, no wall sign shall be erected to project more than eighteen (18) inches over public property. Projection shall be measured from the facing of the structure to which the sign is attached and shall be parallel thereto. No outdoor advertising sign shall be placed in such a manner so as to obscure an existing sign. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-24:        **SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:** It shall be unlawful for any person to fasten or attach, paint, or place any sign, handbill, poster, advertisement, or notice of any kind or sort, or to cause the same to be done in or upon the curbstone, lamp post, telephone pole, electric light or power pole, hydrant, bridge or tree, or in or upon any portion of any sidewalk or street. It shall be unlawful to paste, place, paint, or attach any sign defined in this Sign Code on any building, street, or property of the City, except as provided by this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-25:        **SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY:** It shall be unlawful for any person to fasten or attach, paint, or place, any sign as defined in this Sign Code upon any private wall, window, door, gate, fence, or sign upon any other personal property without the consent of the owner or lessee, or someone authorized to act on behalf of such owner or lessee. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-26:        **MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS:** Signs regulated by this Sign Code shall be maintained in good visual appearance and structural condition at all times. The Community Development Services Department and its agents shall not be liable for the negligence or failure of the owner, or the person responsible for maintaining any sign, to keep such sign in good condition. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-27:        **REMOVAL OF SIGNS:** Any person occupying a building or portion of a building, who owns or maintains a sign in connection therewith shall, upon vacating the premises, or discontinuing the business advertised, cause the sign to be removed. Any person who owns and maintains a sign which is maintained for the benefit of another person who occupies a building or part of a building whereon the sign is located shall cause the sign to be removed if the person for whom the sign is maintained vacates the premises. Failure of the owner of the sign or of the person responsible for maintaining same to remove the sign within thirty (30) days after notice from the Community Development Services Department shall be considered as a violation of this Sign Code and shall subject the owner of the sign and the owner of the property to the penalties herein. If a sign is advantageous to pending sale of premises, permission may be granted, upon written proof of pending sale, to lease said sign on premises for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, provided all copy is removed leaving a blank background area. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-28:        **SIGNS TO COMPLY WITH ZONING CODE:** All signs shall be erected and maintained in full compliance with this Sign Code and the Zoning Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-29:           REMOVAL OF NON-CONFORMING SIGNS:

- (A) Any sign not in conformance with the provision of this Sign Code and/or which was erected or installed without a permit, shall be removed within thirty (30) days upon notification by the Community Development Services Department.
- (B) The provisions of Section 7-9-19 shall apply to such non-conforming signs.
- (C) Any existing sign, conforming to the provisions of this Sign Code relative to size and location, but non-conforming to structural requirements shall be removed or replaced within one (1) year upon written notice from the City. However, if they are deemed to be a hazard or more than fifty percent (50%) damaged, they shall be removed or repaired in accordance with the structural requirements of this Sign Code within ten (10) days after receiving notice from the City.
- (D) Any sign determined to be abandoned shall be removed within thirty (30) days of notification by the Community Development Services Department to the property owner and/or owner of the business advertisement and or owner of the sign.

(Ord. 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-30:           COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS: It is unlawful for any person erecting any sign or other advertising structure to fail to comply strictly with the requirements of this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-31:           ERECTION OF SIGNS OVER PUBLIC STREETS OR SIDEWALKS -  
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS: Whenever any sign or other advertising structure shall be erected in whole or in part on or over any public street or sidewalk, the person or persons performing the work shall, before proceeding to erect the same, take all precautions necessary to ensure the safety of persons and property on such street or sidewalk. Before hoisting any material above the surface of any street or sidewalk or placing any material upon the traveled portion of any street or sidewalk, the persons or person performing such work shall exclude the traveling public from the portion of such street or sidewalk in which such work is to be done by means of suitable barriers, protected walkways and/or other adequate warning devices. The Community Development Services Department may require the owner or sign contractor to provide a guard or guards to exclude all persons not concerned in the performance of the work from the portion of the street or sidewalk in which the work is to proceed. When hoisting any sign or advertising structure above the surface of any street or sidewalk, the same shall be accomplished by hoisting devices with proper design and adequate capacity to accomplish the work in accordance with established engineering practices, all of which hoisting equipment shall be kept and maintained in good and workable condition. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-32:           PROMULGATION OF SAFETY REGULATIONS: The Director of the Community Development Services Department may establish such rules and regulations as reasonably necessary to protect the public from injury in the course of the erection of signs and other advertising structures and when such regulations are established, all holders of sign permits

shall comply strictly therewith. Such regulations shall be filed with the Clerk. (Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-33:       **HEIGHT OF SIGNS:** No sign shall exceed the height limitations established for each zone as set forth in this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-34:       **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OR LAND DEVELOPMENT SIGN:** A sign of no greater than one hundred square feet (100 sq. ft.) and fifteen feet (15') in height in commercial zones, and no greater than thirty two square feet (32 sq. ft.) and fifteen feet (15') in height in residential zones may be erected on sites on which a construction project is under development. Such sign may be erected no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the construction project and removed within thirty (30) days after such construction is completed. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-35:       **SPORTS FIELD FENCING SIGN:** Signs placed on sports field fencing may be allowed provided the sign does not exceed the height of the fence and shall be permissible only on the field side of the fence facing the playing field. (Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-36:       **SPECIALTY SIGN:** A specialty sign may be hung over public streets or walks after approval by the Director of the Community Development Services Department. (Ord. 3003, 03-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-37:       **ELECTRIC SIGN:** All signs which utilize or are illuminated by electricity shall comply with the most current City-adopted edition of the National Electrical Code and International Fire Code. An electric sign must have the installer's name, address, date of installation, and the listing label affixed to the sign in such a manner that it can be easily read from the ground using only the naked eye. (Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-38:       **SHOPPING CENTER SIGN:** One (1) free standing sign is permitted on each street frontage. Where there is more than four hundred and fifty feet (450') of street frontage a second free standing sign is allowed (maximum of two (2)), and must be three hundred and thirty feet (330') from any other free standing sign on the same side of the street. The size and height shall be the same as allowed for a Free Standing Pole Sign within that Zone. The design and construction of the free standing signs shall be integrated with the architecture of the on-site buildings by the use of similar construction materials and colors as used in the building(s). Separate buildings within multi-tenant developments that are within seventy five feet (75') of the public right-of-way are allowed one (1) monument style sign with a maximum height of six feet (6') and a maximum copy area of thirty two square feet (32 sq. ft.). The spacing between these monument signs must be a minimum of one hundred feet (100'), and the sign must be located in a landscaped strip of at least seven feet (7') by ten feet (10'). Electronic message centers are not allowed to be a part of these monument signs. (Ord. 2445, 4-25-02; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-39:       **SIGNS, ZONES PERMITTED AND CONTROLS:** Tables 1-7 of this Sign Code are hereby made a part of this section by reference. It is unlawful for any person to erect or otherwise install a sign having a size or height greater than allowed in Sign Code Tables 1-7. It is

unlawful for any person to erect or otherwise install a sign located on the site or in a zone in violation of the controls specified in Tables 1-7 of this Sign Code. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-40:       **SIGNS ERECTED IN COMMERCIAL ZONES:** All signs erected in commercial zones shall have all structural members made entirely of non-combustible material except as otherwise permitted in this Sign Code. The display panel face of light-transmitting signs shall be made of approved plastics as specified in the International Building Code. (Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-41:       **PORTABLE SIGN:** One (1) portable freestanding sign is permitted per business, maximum allowable area twelve square feet (12 sq. ft.) per side if the sign is double faced. Such signs must be placed on private property and must conform to location requirements of this Sign Code and the Zoning Code. In addition, all portable signs shall comply with the following requirements:

- (A)    The maximum height shall not exceed six feet (6'), except where the sign is within fifteen feet (15') of the public right-of-way the maximum height shall not exceed three feet (3').
- (B)    All signs shall be located in such a way that sight clearance is not impeded for motorists or pedestrians, as set forth in the Zoning Code.
- (C)    All signs shall be properly maintained by the business owner or proprietor.
- (D)    All signs and their internal components shall conform to the standards of Underwriter's Laboratories (or other testing laboratories approved by the Community Development Services Department) for the conditions of use involved.
- (E)    All signs shall be firmly mounted to the building or securely to the ground to avoid hazards associated with movement of any kind.
- (F)    Permits for placement of such signs shall be the responsibility of the sign owner. Permit applications shall include a site plan and wiring plan.
- (G)    Properties zoned R3A, PB, R&D, and PT shall be allowed a portable sign in accordance with the standards outlined in this Section when located adjacent to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Channing Way, Broadway Avenue, Hitt Road, Sunnyside Road, Woodruff Avenue, Holmes Avenue, or Yellowstone Highway.

(Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3181, 04012-18; Ord. 3207, 09-08-18)

7-9-42:       **REVOLVING POLE SIGN:** One horizontal revolving interior illuminated non-flashing pole sign, per business shall be permitted provided said sign conforms to all other provisions of this Sign Code relating to a non-rotating pole sign and does not exceed ten (10) RPM. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-43:           **ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER SIGNS AND CHANGEABLE COPY PANELS:** Electronic message center signs and changeable copy signs shall be permitted within an on-premise freestanding pole or wall sign in commercial zones, except as provided in this Sign Code. Electronic message center signs shall not be permitted in the downtown area bounded on the north by and including G Street, on the west by and including Memorial Drive, on the east by the extended north-south alleyway located between Yellowstone Highway and Shoup Avenue, and on the south by and including Broadway.

- (A)    The sign copy area of an electronic message center sign and changeable copy sign shall be counted in the permissible wall or freestanding pole sign copy area. The face area of such sign shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the applicable total allowable sign or two hundred and fifty square feet (250 sq. ft.), whichever is less, except that signs which are part of a master planned development sign and within six hundred and sixty (660') of I-15 or US Hwy 20 right-of-way shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the total allowable sign area.
- (B)    The design and construction of electronic message centers shall be integrated into the architecture of the on-site buildings by the use of similar construction materials and colors as used in the building(s).
- (C)    The displays on copy areas of electronic message center signs shall be limited to static displays or messages that appear or disappear from the display through dissolve, fade, or instantaneous modes but which may otherwise not have movement, appearance or optical illusion of movement.
- (D)    Each message on the sign must be displayed for a minimum of six (6) seconds.
- (E)    Each message transition must be accomplished within 0.5 second.
- (F)    Each electronic message center shall be equipped with a photocell dimmer to automatically dim with changes in ambient light. When requesting a permit for an electronic message center, the applicant shall submit documentation certifying the sign is equipped with a photocell dimmer and the dimmer shall be used at all times the sign is in operation.
- (G)    The night-time illumination of electronic message centers shall conform to the following criteria. The difference between off and solid-message measurements of an electronic message center shall not exceed 0.3 footcandles at night, applicable one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. The illuminance of an electronic message center shall be measured with an illuminance meter set to measure footcandles accurate to at least two (2) decimals. Illuminance shall be measured with the sign off, and again with the sign displaying a white image, for a full color-capable sign, or a solid message for a single-color sign. All measurements shall be taken perpendicular to the face of the electronic message center at the distance determined by the total square footage of the sign as set forth in the following table:

Area of Sign in sq. ft.	Measurement Distance in ft.	Area of Sign in sq. ft.	Measurement Distance in ft.
10	32	90	95
15	39	95	97
20	45	100	100
25	50	110	105
30	55	120	110
35	59	130	114
40	63	140	118
45	67	150	122
50	71	160	126
55	74	170	130
60	77	180	134
65	81	190	138
70	84	200	141
75	87	220	148
80	89	240	155
85	92	250	158

For signs with an area in square feet other than those specifically listed in the table the measurement distance may be calculated with the following formula: Measurement Distance =  $\sqrt{\text{Area of Sign sq. ft.} \times 100}$

- (H) Prior to the issuance of a permit, the applicant shall provide written certification from the sign manufacturer that the night-time illuminance has been factory pre-set not to exceed the allowed footcandles and is protected from end-user manipulation by password-protected software or other method as deemed appropriate by the Director of the Community Development Services Department. The applicant shall also sign documentation provided by the Community Development Services Department stating he/she has read and agrees to the standards set forth in this section.
- (I) One electronic message center sign or changeable copy sign shall be allowed per sign structure.
- (J) Electronic message signs and changeable copy signs shall be permitted as an on-premise freestanding pole or wall sign in an R-3A, PB, R&D and PT zone only when such sign meets the following standards:
  - (1) The sign is placed within the front setback adjacent to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Broadway Avenue, Channing Way, Hitt Road, Sunnyside Road, Woodruff Avenue, or Yellowstone Highway;

- (2) The sign is at least one hundred feet (100') from the nearest single-family residential zone;
  - (3) The sign is incorporated into a minimum landscaped area of seven feet (7') by ten feet (10');
  - (4) The sign does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total allowable sign area, except that such sign may be at least thirty-two (32) square feet in area; and,
  - (5) The sign complies with the standards in Sections 7-9-43.B through I of this Sign Code.
- (K) Electronic message signs shall be permitted as school signs when approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission as a Conditional Use Permit and according to the following standards:
- (1) The hours of operation shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time. The hours may be extended to 10:00 p.m. local time on Fridays and Saturdays at junior high and high schools.
  - (2) The sign shall be placed on the wall of the school unless the sign is to be located adjacent to an arterial street.
  - (3) The sign complies with the standards in Sections 7-9-43.B through I of this Sign Code.
  - (4) The size of the sign copy area shall not exceed twenty-four square feet (24 sq. ft.) and shall count towards the total permissible sign copy area.
  - (5) The sign shall be designed to have a maximum viewing range of three hundred (300) feet.
  - (6) The Planning and Zoning Commission may modify the above standards where necessary to minimize adverse effects on adjoining residential uses or where necessary to assure visibility to students and parents on and immediately adjacent to the school entrance or parking areas.
- (L) Electronic message signs shall be permitted as part of an on-premise freestanding master planned development sign when the sign complies with the standards in Sections 7-9-43.A through I and 7-9-48 of this Sign Code.
- (M) Electronic message signs shall be permitted as part of on-premise freestanding signs for planned unit developments when approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission as a Conditional Use Permit. The application submitted for a Conditional Use Permit, in addition to other materials and information requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission, shall include the following:



- (1) A plan for the development indicating the type and size of signs proposed for each lot and building;
- (2) A statement delineating which lots will be advertising on the electronic message sign; and,
- (3) Evidence of continuing unified management of the development. Such evidence may include lease agreement, private covenants recorded against the property, or other documentation as approved by the Director of the Community Development Services Department.

To issue a Conditional Use Permit, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall make the following findings:

- (1) The electronic message sign shall be located adjacent to an arterial street;
- (2) Only one electronic message sign shall be permitted per arterial street frontage;
- (3) The electronic message sign shall comply with Section 7-9-38 of this Sign Code. When the arterial street frontage of the planned unit development or unified development is divided by other public streets, signs for individual businesses may be permitted. Distances between these individual signs, the design of the signs, their identification on the sign plan required above, and the need for individual business identification shall be considered in the approval of these signs.
- (4) The calculation of the permitted size of the electronic message sign shall be based on the nearest building within the development and shall be calculated in accordance with Section 7-9-43.A. of this Sign Code.
- (5) The electronic message sign shall comply with the requirements specified in Sections 7-9-43.A through I of this Sign Code.
- (6) The location of the design of the electronic message sign shall convey its connection to the development. Factors to be considered shall include but not be limited to:
  - (a). The location of the sign at the entryway to the development,
  - (b). The location of the sign within the common landscape features,
  - (c). The visibility of the development from the sign location,
  - (d). The use of materials and colors characterizing the remainder of the development.

- (7) The electronic message sign shall not blanket or reduce visibility of other signs within the development.

(Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3181, 04012-18; Ord. 3207, 09-08-18; Ord. 3208, 09-08-18)

7-9-44:           **SIGN BACKGROUND:** In computing the area of sign background, only the face or faces which can be seen from any one direction at one time shall be counted. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-45:           **DESIGN:**

- (A) Signs and sign structures shall be designed and constructed to resist wind and seismic forces as specified in this section. All bracing systems shall be designed and constructed to transfer lateral forces to the foundations. For signs on buildings, the dead and lateral loads shall be transmitted through the structural frame of the building to the ground in such manner as not to overstress any of the elements thereof. The overturning moment produced from lateral forces shall in no case exceed two-thirds of the dead-load resisting moment. Uplift due to overturning shall be adequately resisted by proper anchorage to the ground or to the structural frame of the building. The weight of earth superimposed over footings may be used in determining the dead-load resisting moment. Such earth shall be carefully placed and thoroughly compacted.
- (B) Signs and sign structures shall be designed and constructed to resist wind forces as specified in the most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code thirty feet (30') above ground with adjustment in pressure for height as outlined in the International Building Code and seismic design category "D."
- (C) Design and construction with plastic material shall be in accordance with the most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code.

(Ord. 2585, 2-11-05; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-46:           **CONSTRUCTION:** The supports for all sign structures shall be placed in or upon private property and shall be built, constructed and erected in conformance with the requirements of the most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code. An inspection of forms and footings shall be called for before any concrete is poured whenever this manner of construction is applicable. The sign contractor must call for an inspection when a sign has been installed. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)

7-9-47:           **PROJECTION AND CLEARANCE:**

- (A) All signs shall conform to the clearance and projection requirements of this Sign Code.
- (B) Signs shall be located not less than ten feet (10') horizontally or twelve feet (12') vertically from overhead electrical conductors which are energized in excess of seven

hundred and fifty (750) volts. The design, installation, maintenance, and removal of signs shall be in accordance with the Idaho Code. The term “overhead conductors” as used in this Section means any electrical conductor, either bare or insulated, installed above the ground except such conductors which are enclosed in rigid conduit or other material covering of equal strength.

- (C) No sign or sign structure shall be erected in such a manner that any portion of its surface or supports will interfere in any way with the free use of any fire escape, exit, or standpipe.
- (D) In all commercial zones, wall mounted signs within five feet (5') of an opening in an exterior wall shall be constructed of non-combustible material or most current City-adopted edition of the International Building Code approved plastics, when mounted against a non-combustible wall.
- (E) No sign or sign structure shall project into any public alley. Projection into a private alley or drive shall not be allowed below a height of fourteen feet (14') above grade. (Ord. 3056, 02-25-16)
- (F) Projection signs and awning signs in the CC zone shall adhere to the following regulations:
  - (1) The bottom of the sign shall not be higher than twenty feet (20') or lower than eight feet (8') from grade;
  - (2) The sign may project five feet (5') over the public sidewalk or within two feet (2') of the curb, whichever is less. (Ord. 3207, 09-08-18)

7-9-48: MASTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT SIGNS:

- (A) Master Planned Development signs shall be permitted by the Community Development Services Director as an administrative Conditional Use Permit and only where the Director finds the following conditions:
  - (1) The development shall include twenty five (25) or more contiguous acres of commercially zoned property;
  - (2) The development shall be under unified ownership, management or control. Evidence of continuing unified management may include lease agreements, private covenants recorded against the property, or other documentation as approved by the Director of the Community Development Services Department; and
  - (3) The area within the development shall be planned and designed as one development demonstrated by a Master Land Use Plan approved at the time of annexation or

planning, defined architectural, landscaping and signage standards, and a master signage plan for the area;

- (B) Master Planned Development signs shall be considered an on-premise sign, common to all properties within the development and may be located on any lot or common area within the development according to the following standards:
- (1) The sign shall be located adjacent to an arterial street;
  - (2) Only one (1) sign shall be permitted per arterial street frontage within the development;
  - (3) A sign of no greater than six hundred square feet (600 sq. ft.) and sixty feet (60') in height in commercial zones, except that signs within six hundred and sixty feet (660') of I-15 or US Hwy 20 right-of-way shall not exceed eight hundred square feet (800 sq. ft.) and eighty feet (80') in height;
  - (4) The design and construction of sign shall be integrated into the architecture of the development by the use of similar construction materials and colors;
  - (5) The sign is incorporated into a minimum landscaped area of ten feet (10') by ten feet (10');
  - (6) The sign shall be consistent with an approved signage plan for the development indicating the type and size of signs proposed for each lot and building site;
  - (7) The location of the design of the sign shall convey its connection to the development. Factors to be considered shall include but not be limited to:
    - (a) The location of the sign at the entryway to the development,
    - (b) The location of the sign within common landscape features,
    - (c) The visibility of the development from the sign location,
  - (8) Electronic message signs shall comply with the requirements of Sections 7-9-43.A through I of this Sign Code.

(Ord. 2585, 2-11-2005); Ord. 2782, 10-9-08; Ord. 2817, 7-23-09; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3208, 09-08-2018)

7-9-49: BILLBOARD SIGNS:

- (A) No billboard sign may installed within the following locations:
- (1) Within a seven hundred and fifty foot (750') radius from any other billboard sign.

- (2) Within seven hundred and fifty feet (750') of the nearest boundary of the Snake River, the Riverwalk, and land owned by the City of Idaho Falls contiguous with the Snake River.
  - (3) Within seven hundred and fifty feet (750') from properties or districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
  - (4) Within five hundred feet (500') from any residential zone.
- (C) Stacking or side-by-side billboards are not allowed.
- (D) Billboards shall only be used for off-premise signs.
- (E) LED and Tri-vision billboards must adhere to the following regulations:
- (1) Billboards shall not include any illumination or image which moves continuously, appears to be in motion, or has any moving or animated parts, or video displays, or broadcasts. No such sign shall include any illumination which is flashing or moving.
  - (2) The message or image must remain static for a minimum of eight (8) seconds.
  - (3) An automated change of message or image must be accomplished within two (2) seconds or less and contain a default design that will freeze the sign face in one (1) position should a malfunction occur.
  - (4) Each electronic message center shall be equipped with a photocell dimmer to automatically dim with changes in ambient light. When requesting a permit for an electronic message center, the applicant shall submit documentation certifying the sign is equipped with a photocell dimmer and the dimmer shall be used at all times the sign is in operation.
  - (5) The night-time illumination of LED billboards shall conform to the criteria in this section. The difference between off and solid-message measurements of an LED billboard shall not exceed 0.3 footcandles at night, applicable one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. The illuminance of an LED billboard shall be measured with an illuminance meter set to measure footcandles accurate to at least two decimals. Illuminance shall be measured with the sign off, and again with the sign displaying a white image for a full color-capable sign or a solid message for a single-color sign. All measurements shall be taken perpendicular to the face of the LED billboard at the distance determined by the total square footage of the sign as set forth in the following table:

Area of Sign in sq. ft.	Measurement Distance in ft.
200	141

220	148
240	155
260	161
280	167
300	173
480	219
672	259
For signs with an area in square feet other than those specifically listed in the table the measurement distance may be calculated with the following formula: Measurement Distance = $\sqrt{\text{Area of Sign sq. ft.} \times 100}$	

(Ord. 2814, 5-28-09; Ord. 2817, 7-23-09; Ord. 3056, 02-25-16; Ord. 3207, 09-08-18)

**Table 1: Low Density Residential Zones**

	<b>RE</b>	<b>RP</b>	<b>R1</b>
<b>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>ENTRANCE SIGNS</b> (1 per entrance)	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.
<b>BILLBOARDS</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>FREESTANDING SIGNS</b> (1 per street frontage)	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>POLE SIGN:</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>MONUMENT SIGN</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>BUILDING SIGNS</b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Not allowed, except as allowed under the requirements of a home occupation.	Not allowed, except as allowed under the requirements of a home occupation	Not allowed, except as allowed under the requirements of a home occupation
<b>WALL</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>PROJECTING</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>AWNING SIGN</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>ROOF</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed

<b>WINDOW</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</b>	Schools only with conditional use permit	Schools only with conditional use permit	Schools only with conditional use permit

## Table 2: Medium Density Residential Zones

	<b>R2</b>	<b>TN</b>	<b>RMH</b>
<b>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>ENTRANCE SIGNS</b> (1 per entrance)	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade. Commercial Uses: -9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade. Commercial Uses: -9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.
<b>BILLBOARDS</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>FREESTANDING SIGNS</b> (1 per street frontage)	Commercial Uses: 1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	Commercial Uses: 1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	Not allowed
<b>POLE SIGN:</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>MONUMENT SIGN</b>	-64 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.	-64 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.	Not allowed
<b>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>BUILDING SIGNS</b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Commercial Uses: Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total square footage of the building elevation.	Commercial Uses: Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total square footage of the building elevation.	Not allowed
<b>WALL</b>	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade- Must be parallel to wall.	Not allowed
<b>PROJECTING</b>	-15 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than the top of building or parapet.	-15 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than the top of building or parapet.	Not allowed
<b>AWNING SIGN</b>	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Not allowed
<b>ROOF</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>WINDOW</b>	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	Not allowed
<b>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</b>	Schools only with conditional use permit	Schools only with conditional use permit	Schools only with conditional use permit



## Table 3: High Density Residential Zones

	<b>R3</b>	<b>R3A</b>
<b>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed, except properties that fall under the requirement of section 7-9-41.G
<b>ENTRANCE SIGNS</b> (1 per entrance)	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade.	Residential Subdivision Entrances: -32 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 6' above grade. Commercial Uses: -9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.
<b>BILLBOARDS</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>FREESTANDING SIGNS</b> (1 per street frontage)	Not allowed	Commercial Uses: 1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.
<b>POLE SIGN:</b>	Not allowed	-Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum. -Top of sign maximum 15' above grade.
<b>MONUMENT SIGN</b>	Not allowed	Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum and not to exceed fifteen (15) feet above grade to top of sign
<b>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>BUILDING SIGNS</b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Not allowed	Commercial Uses: Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total square footage of the building elevation.
<b>WALL</b>	Not allowed	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.
<b>PROJECTING</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>AWNING SIGN</b>	Not allowed	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.
<b>ROOF</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>WINDOW</b>	Not allowed	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign
<b>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</b>	Not allowed	See section 7-9-38
<b>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</b>	Schools only with conditional use permit	See section 7-9-43

## Table 4: Commercial Zones

	<b>PB</b>	<b>LC</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>PT</b>
<b>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</b>	Not allowed, except properties that fall under the requirement of Section 7-9-41.G	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	Not allowed, except properties that fall under the requirement of Section 7-9-41.G
<b>ENTRANCE SIGNS</b> (1 per entrance)	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.
<b>BILLBOARDS</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	-300 sq. ft. maximum -Within 100 feet of I-15: 672 sq. ft. maximum -LED and tri-vision billboards: 300 sq. ft. in all locations except 672 sq. ft. within 100 feet of I-15, -45 ft. from grade to top of sign -See Section 7-9-49 for additional restrictions.	Not allowed
<b>FREESTANDING SIGNS</b> (1 per street frontage)	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage times the number of habitable floors.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.
<b>POLE SIGN</b>	-Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum. -Top of sign maximum 15' above grade.	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum. -Top of sign maximum 20' above grade.
<b>MONUMENT SIGN</b>	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign
<b>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</b>	Not allowed	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	Not allowed

	<b>PB</b>	<b>LC</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>PT</b>
<b>BUILDING SIGNS</b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total area of the building front.
<b>WALL</b>	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.
<b>PROJECTING</b>	Not allowed	-40 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet.	-15 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet. -See 7-9-47.F for additional restrictions.	-40 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet.	Not allowed
<b>AWNING SIGN</b>	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.
<b>ROOF</b>	Not allowed	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	Not allowed
<b>WINDOW</b>	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign
<b>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</b>	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38
<b>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</b>	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43

## Table 7: Industrial and Special Purpose Zones

	<b>LM</b>	<b>I&amp;M-1</b>	<b>R&amp;D</b>
<b>PORTABLE FREESTANDING</b>	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	-One per business. -12 sq. ft. maximum. -6' maximum height -3' maximum height in front setback.	Not allowed, except properties that fall under the requirement of Section 7-9-41.G
<b>ENTRANCE SIGNS</b>	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.	-9 sq. ft. maximum -Top of sign maximum 3' above grade.
<b>BILLBOARDS</b>	-480 sq. ft. maximum -Within 100 of I-15: 672 sq. ft. maximum -LED and tri-vision billboards: 300 sq. ft. in all locations except 672 sq. ft. within 100 feet of I-15, -45 ft. from grade to top of sign, -See Section 7-9-49 for additional restrictions.	-480 sq. ft. maximum -Within 100 of I-15: 672 sq. ft. maximum -LED and tri-vision billboards: 300 sq. ft. in all locations except 672 sq. ft. within 100 feet of I-15, -45 ft. from grade to top of sign, -See Section 7-9-49 for additional restrictions.	Not allowed
<b>FREESTANDING SIGNS</b> (1 per street frontage)	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.	1 sq. ft. per lineal ft. of building frontage.
<b>POLE SIGN</b>	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet maximum. -If the building frontage is less than one hundred feet (100'), then the maximum sign area shall be one hundred (100) square feet. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade.	-Not to exceed two-hundred (200) square feet maximum. -Top of sign maximum 15' above grade.
<b>MONUMENT SIGN</b>	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign	Same as Pole Sign
<b>REVOLVING INTERIOR ILLUMINATION, NON- FLASHING</b>	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	-Visible portion area, 400 sq. ft. maximum. -Top of sign maximum 60' above grade -Light globes not to exceed 40 watts -10 RPM maximum	Not allowed
<b>BUILDING SIGNS</b> (The allowed square footage can be made up of any combination of the following sign types.)	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the total area of the building front.	Not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total area of the building front.
<b>WALL</b>	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.	-No higher than top of building or parapet wall. -Cannot project more than 18" beyond building wall or facade. Must be parallel to wall.
<b>PROJECTING</b>	-40 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet.	-40 sq. ft. maximum. -No higher than top of the building or parapet.	Not allowed
<b>AWNING SIGN</b>	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.	Canvas or nylon awning that includes the name of the business or its logo, provided the lettering or logo occupies no more than twenty (20) percent of the surface area of the awning.

	<b>LM</b>	<b>I&amp;M-1</b>	<b>R&amp;D</b>
<b>ROOF</b>	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	-One per street frontage. -Maximum area 200 sq. ft. per visible area. -10 ft. above roof maximum. -Must be designed as part of the building with all structural members enclosed.	Not allowed
<b>WINDOW</b>	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign	No more than 1/3 of the transparency that contains the sign
<b>ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER</b>	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43	See Section 7-9-43
<b>SHOPPING CENTER SIGNS</b>	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38	See Section 7-9-38

**CHAPTER 10**  
**INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE**

SECTION:

- 7-10-1: International Fire Code Adopted
- 7-10-2: Definitions
- 7-10-3: Amendments and Additions to the International Fire Code:
- 7-10-4: Pending Legal Actions

7-10-1: INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ADOPTED

(A) Fire Code Adopted: The International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., including all Appendices, are hereby adopted as an official fire code of the City, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended by the provisions of this Chapter.

(B) Code on File: One (1) copy of the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, duly certified by the Clerk shall be retained by the City Clerk for use and examination by the public.

(C) Any reference in the City Code to the International Fire Code shall refer to the most recent version of the International Fire Code adopted by the City, as provided for in this Chapter.

7-10-2: DEFINITIONS: Whenever found in the International Code, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them herein:

*Fire Code Official:* The Fire Marshal

*Corporate Counsel:* The City Attorney for the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho

*Jurisdiction:* The City of Idaho Falls, Idaho

*Life Safety System:* Automatic fire extinguishing system, portable fire extinguishers, fire alarm and detection systems, fire pumps, and related equipment.

*Life Safety License:* Required license issued by the Fire Code Official intended to ensure that the licensee is qualified to install, modify, service, or maintain any automatic fire extinguishing system, portable fire extinguishers, fire alarm and detection system, or related equipment.

(Ord. 3252, 05-13-19)

7-10-3: AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE:

(A) Subsection of 105.1.1 Permits required shall be adopted as follows:

### 105.1.1

A property owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to conduct an operation or business, or is currently conducting or operating a business, or install or modify systems and equipment that are regulated by this Code, or to cause any such work to be performed, shall first make application to the Fire Code Official and obtain the required permit. Businesses regulated by this Code shall also register their business with the Clerk. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(B) Subsection of 105.1.2 Types of permits shall be adopted as follows:

#### Permit Fees:

105.1.2.1 Each operational permit fee shall be in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council;

105.1.2.2 Each construction permit fee shall be in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council; and,

105.1.3 Where multiple permits are required for the same location, the Fire Code Official may authorize to consolidate such permits into one permit.

113.3 Failure to obtain any require fire code permit, prior to engaging in activities, operations, practices or functions, as set forth in the International Fire Code, shall constitute a violation of the code. The activity, operation, or practice will be issued a stop work order until a permit has been obtained and a double permit fee collected. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(C) Subsection 105.7.1 Automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall be amended to read as follows:

A construction permit and Life Safety License is required for the installation of or modification to an automatic fire extinguishing system. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.

1. Contractors performing maintenance on automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall obtain a Life Safety License prior to commencing work and shall provide a copy of the maintenance report to the Fire Code Official at the completion of the work performed.
2. The Fire Code Official is authorized to not require a plan review fee for modifications to automatic fire-extinguishing systems where ten (10) or fewer sprinkler heads are affected in the scope of work. A Life Safety License and permit are required to be submitted to the Fire Code Official for review prior to the start of the project and a

record of completion shall be permitted to the Fire Code Official at the completion of the project. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(D) Subsection 105.7.6 Fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment shall be amended to read as follows:

A construction permit and Life Safety License is required for installation of or modification to fire alarm and detection systems and related equipment. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.

1. Contractors performing maintenance on fire alarm and detection systems shall obtain a Life Safety License prior to commencing work and shall provide a copy of the maintenance report to the Fire Code Official at the completion of the work performed. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(E) Subsection 105.7.7 Fire pumps and related equipment shall be amended to read as follows:

A construction permit and Life Safety License is required for installation of or modification to fire pumps and related fuel tanks, jockey pumps, controllers, and generators. Maintenance performed in accordance with this code is not considered a modification and does not require a permit.

1. Contractors performing maintenance on fire pumps and related equipment shall obtain a Life Safety License prior to commencing work and shall provide a copy of the maintenance report to the Fire Code Official at the completion of the work performed. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(F) Subsection 109.4 Violation penalties shall be amended to read as follows:

Persons or entities who violate a provision of this code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the Fire Code Official, or of a permit or certificate used under the provisions of this code, as amended, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each twenty-four (24) hour period that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(G) Subsection 111.4 Failure to comply shall be amended to read as follows:

Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to pay a fine in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)



(H) Subsection 113.6 Life Safety License required shall be adopted as follows:

Any person or entity shall obtain a Life Safety License from the Fire Code Official prior to performing any installation, modification, inspection, testing, or maintenance on a Life Safety System in the City of Idaho Falls. Life Safety Licenses shall be valid for the calendar year issued. The fee for a Life Safety License shall be in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council. All Life Safety Licenses shall be non-transferrable.

(I) Subsection 113.7 Penalties for violation of license requirement shall be adopted as follows:

Any person or entity who violates any rules or regulations as written on the license application, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than three-hundred dollars (\$300). Each twenty-four (24) hour period that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

(J) Subsection 113.8 Payment of permits, licenses and fees shall be adopted as follows:

All costs, fees, and payments associated with any permit or license provided for in the Fire Code shall be paid to the City of Idaho Falls City Treasurer's Office or as otherwise specified by the Fire Department.

(K) Subsection 113.9 Fees shall be adopted as follows:

113.9.1 Structural plan review fees. Structural plan review fees will be charged at a rate in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council. Upon request from the Fire Code Official, the City reserves the right to charge additional structural plan review fees for large or complex structural plan submissions.

113.9.2 Fire alarm plan review fees. Fire alarm plan review fees will be charged at a rate in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council. This fee includes plan review and one (1) acceptance test field inspection by fire prevention personnel. An additional fee, in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of Council, will be charged for inspection of fire alarm systems exceeding this amount.

113.9.3 Fire sprinkler system plan review fees. Fire sprinkler system fees will be charged at a flat rate in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council. This fee includes plan review, and one (1) acceptance field inspection. Field inspections are to include fire service underground, rough-in inspection, hydro-test with all heads in place, and final acceptance test of system. An additional fee, in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of Council, will be charged for inspection of fire sprinkler systems exceeding this amount.

113.9.4 Fire pump review fees. Fire pump fees will be in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council. This fee includes plan review and response and acceptance testing of the fire pump.

113.9.5 Alarm response fee. The Fire Code Official is authorized to charge a maximum fee in an amount set from time to time by Resolution of the Council per occurrence for fire apparatus response to Life Safety System activation where the service contractor fails to contact the Fire Code Official and/or Fire Dispatch Center when servicing such systems or excessive responses to the same location. The fee does not apply to a false alarm which is defined as the willful and knowing initiation or transmission of a signal, message or other notification of an even of fire when no such danger exists. The fee, subject to review by the Fire Code Official will apply to nuisance alarms exceeding four (4) responses to the same location within a thirty (30) day period. Nuisance alarms are defined as any alarm caused by mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, or lack of proper maintenance, or any alarm activated by a cause that cannot be determined. The fee will be charged to the business owner and/or service contractor after review by the Fire Code Official. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(L) Subsection 5604.1.1 Prohibited storage shall be adopted to read as follows:

The storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited within the Corporate Limits of the City of Idaho Falls.

Exception: The Fire Code Official may issue a permit, pursuant to Section 105, to allow the use of explosives and blasting agents within the Corporate Limits of the City of Idaho Falls. Such permit shall prescribe conditions and restrictions for the use of explosives and blasting agents, consistent with this chapter. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(M) Subsection 5704.2.9.6.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited shall be amended to read as follows:

The storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the Corporate Limits of the City of Idaho Falls.

Exceptions:

1. The Fire Code Official, with approval of the Fire Chief, may allow protected above-ground tanks at motor vehicle fuel dispensing stations. Protected above-ground tanks may be allowed where underground rock formations or water levels make it extremely difficult or impossible to install underground tanks or underground install is cost prohibitive for limited use fuel dispensing stations. Such tanks shall meet the UL 2085 listing and comply with Sections 2306.2, 3104.17.2, 5704.2.7.3.5, 5704.2.9, and 5704.2.13.2. Each approved tank shall not exceed twelve thousand (12,000) gallons in individual capacity and no more than forty-eight thousand (48,000) gallons in aggregate capacity may be stored in this manner on any one property within the City.

2. The Fire Code Official, with approval of the Fire Chief, may allow the use of temporary above-ground storage tanks at construction sites, earth moving projects or gravel pits. Such tanks shall comply with Sections 3104.17.2, 5704.2.9, and Section 5706 in its entirety.

2.1 The storage of flammable or combustible liquids in above-ground tanks, and the dispensing of combustible liquids into vehicles from above-ground tanks, shall not be permitted in the following zones as defined by the City Zoning Ordinance and located within the current Official Zoning Map: RP, RP-A, R-1, R-2, R-2A, R-3, R-3A, P-B, and RMH. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(N) Subsection 5706.2.4.4 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited shall be amended to read as follows:

The limits in which new bulk plants in accordance with Section 5706.2.4.4, where flammable or combustible liquids are received by tank vessels, pipelines, tank cars, or tank vehicles, and are stored in blended in bulk for the purpose of distributing such liquids by tank vessels, pipelines, tank cars, tank vehicles, or containers are prohibited within the Corporate Limits of the City of Idaho Falls. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(O) Section 5806.2 Limitations shall be amended to read as follows:

Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings is prohibited within the Corporate Limits of the City of Idaho Falls. (Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

(P) Section 6104.2.1 Restricted zones shall be adopted as follows:

Storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted within all zones in the City, as defined by the City Zoning Ordinance and located within the current City's Official Zoning Map.

Exception: Storage of liquefied petroleum gas is permitted, consistent with this chapter, within the Industrial and Manufacturing Zones I&M-1 and I&M-2, as defined by the City Zoning Ordinance and located within the current City's Official Zoning Map.

(Ord. 2964, 8-14-14; Ord. 3252, 05-13-19; Ord. 3296, 2-13-20)

7-10-4: PENDING LEGAL ACTIONS:

That nothing in this Chapter or in the Fire Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this Chapter; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy or any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Chapter.

**CHAPTER 11  
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**

**SECTION:**

- 7-11-1: International Energy Conservation Code Adopted
- 7-11-2: Amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code

**7-11-1: INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE ADOPTED:**

(A) International Energy Conservation Code Adopted: The International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 Edition, published by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted as an official Code of the City, except the portions deleted, modified or amended by the provisions of this Chapter. (Ord. 2231, 5-22-97; Ord. 2475, 12-19-02; Ord. 2576, 12-16-04; Ord. 2723, 11-20-07; Ord. 2860; 12-16-10; Ord. 2992, 1-22-15; Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017)

(B) Code on File: One (1) copy of the International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 Edition, duly certified by the Clerk, shall be retained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public. (Ord. 3365, 1-14-21)

**7-11-2: AMENDMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE:**

- (A) Table R402.1.2 (Table N1102.2.1) shall be amended to read as follows:

**Table 402.1.2  
Insulation and fenestration Requirements By Component**

Climate Zone	Fenestration U- Factor	Skylight U-factor	Glazed Fenestration SHGC	Ceiling R- Value	Wood Frame Wall R- Value	Mass Wall R- Value	Floor R- Value	Basement Wall R- Value	Slab R- Value	Crawlspace Wall R- Value
5 and Marine 4	0.32	0.55	NR	49	20 or 13+5h	13/17	30g	15/19	10, 2 ft	15/19
6	0.32	0.55	NR	49	22or 13+10h	15/20	30g	15/19	10, 4 ft	15/19

- (B) Section R402.2 shall be deleted.
- (C) The following section shall be added (N1102.4.1.2):

R402.4.1.2 Visual inspection option. Building envelope tightness and insulation installation shall be considered acceptable when the items listed in Table 402.4.1.1, applicable to the method of construction, are field verified. Where required by code official an approved party independent from the installer of the insulation shall inspect the air barrier and insulation.

(D) The following section shall be added:

R403.3.5 Building Cavities. Building framing cavities shall not be used as ducts or plenums.

Exception: Building framing cavities used as ducts or plenums shall comply with Section M1601.1.1 (2015 International Residential Code).

(E) Section C405.5.1.1 shall be added to read as follows:

C405.2.1A Screw lamp holders. The wattage shall be the maximum labeled wattage of the luminaire.

Exception: Compact Fluorescent lamps shall use the rated wattage of the lamp and ballast.

(F) Section C408.3.1 shall be amended to read as follows:

C408.3.1 Functional Testing – Prior to passing final inspection, the register design professional or approved agency shall provide evidence that the lighting control systems have been tested to ensure that control hardware and software are calibrated, adjusted, programmed and in proper working condition in accordance with the construction documents and manufacturer’s instructions. Function testing shall be in accordance with Sections C408.3.1.1 and C408.3.1.2 for the applicable control type.  
(12-16-10; Ord. 2992, 1-22-15; Ord. 3152, 12-21-2017)

**CHAPTER 12**  
**INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE**

**SECTION:**

7-12-1: International Existing Building Code

7-12-1: INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE:

(A) International Existing Building Code Adopted. The International Existing Building Code (2018 Edition), published by the International Code Council, Inc. is hereby adopted as an official code of the City.

(B) Code on File: One (1) copy of the International Existing Building Code (2018 Edition) duly certified by the Clerk, shall be retained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 2376, 7-6-00; Ord. 3003, 04-23-15; Ord. 3369, 01-28-21; Ord. 3365, 1-14-21)