

# Council Business Meeting

March 5, 2019

<b>Agenda Item</b>	An ordinance amending AMC Chapter 2.26 Ashland Wildfire Mitigation Commission to Ashland Wildfire Safety Commission	
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## **SUMMARY**

The Wildfire Mitigation Commission would like to make an official name change to the Wildfire Safety Commission.

## **POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

This request is not under any policies, plans or goals, however, it reflects the work that the commissioners are putting forth.

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

The Wildfire Mitigation Commission used to be called the Firewise Commission.

## **BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Wildfire Mitigation Commission feels that the name Wildfire Safety Commission better reflects on the work they are doing. The new name also ties into the newly adopted and expanded 2018 Wildfire Safety Ordinance.

## **FISCAL IMPACTS**

There are no fiscal impacts to this action.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Wildfire Mitigation Commission requests the Council accept this amendment and name change.

## **ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

I move to amend AMC Chapter 2.26 changing the name of the commission from the Ashland Wildfire Mitigation Commission to Ashland Wildfire Safety Commission.

## **REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Proposed Ordinance No. 3095

1 **ORDINANCE NO. 3095**

2 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AMC CHAPTER 2.26 ASHLAND WILDFIRE**  
3 **MITIGATION COMMISSION TO ASHLAND WILDFIRE SAFETY COMMISSION**

4 Annotated to show deletions and additions to the Ashland Municipal Code sections being  
5 modified. Deletions are ~~bold lined through~~, and additions are **bold underlined**.  
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7 **WHEREAS**, Article 2. Section 1 of the Ashland City Charter provides:

8 **WHEREAS**, Ashland Fire & Rescue desires to create a commission to develop, implement, and  
9 maintain a community wildfire mitigation strategy

10 **WHEREAS**,

11 **THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

12 **SECTION 1.** Ashland Municipal Code Chapter 2.26 is hereby repealed in its entirety as  
13 follows:

14 **ASHLAND WILDFIRE MITIGATION SAFETY COMMISSION**

15 **2.26.010 Purpose**

16 The Ashland Wildfire Safety Commission shall provide advice and ~~guidance~~ support to the  
17 Council and City departments and education to the community on wildfire issues and plans for  
18 mitigation action. Specifically, the Commission will function as the entity to ~~guide the ongoing~~  
19 ~~efforts of the City of Ashland to meet the evolving goals of~~ foster the efforts of the City of Ashland  
20 to adopt and achieve the goals set forth in the Fire Adapted Communities programs.

21 **2.26.020 Established Membership**

22 The Ashland Wildfire Safety Commission is established and shall consist of no less than seven  
23 (7) voting members, and certain non-voting ex officio members consisting of a member of the  
24 City Council, a representative of Ashland Fire and Rescue, and additional staff as needed. The  
25 Fire Department ~~staff~~ designee shall serve as the primary staff liaison and as Secretary of the  
26 Commission. Voting members will be community members at large, and shall be designated by  
27 the Mayor and confirmed by the council.

28 **2.26.030 Powers and Duties - Generally**

29 The powers, duties and responsibilities of the Ashland Wildfire Mitigation Safety Commission  
30 shall be as follows:

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- A. To develop, coordinate and promote a comprehensive community wildfire ~~mitigation~~ strategy;
- B. To initiate, enhance and ~~support~~ promote full community participation and responsibility in reducing wildfire risk;
- C. To submit recommendations to City Council and City departments regarding the community's ~~ongoing~~ wildfire strategy;
- D. To promote and support a relationship with surrounding areas and jurisdictions that pertain to or benefit wildfire safety in Ashland.

**SECTION 2. Codification.** In preparing this ordinance for publication and distribution, the City Recorder shall not alter the sense, meaning, effect, or substance of the ordinance, but within such limitations, may:

- (a) Renumber sections and parts of sections of the ordinance;
- (b) Rearrange sections;
- (c) Change reference numbers to agree with renumbered chapters, sections or other parts;
- (d) Delete references to repealed sections;
- (e) Substitute the proper subsection, section, or chapter numbers;
- (f) Change capitalization and spelling for the purpose of uniformity;
- (g) Add headings for purposes of grouping like sections together for ease of reference; and
- (h) Correct manifest clerical, grammatical, or typographical errors.

**SECTION 3. Severability.** Each section of this ordinance, and any part thereof, is severable, and if any part of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing ordinance was first read by title only in accordance with Article X, Section 2(C) of the City Charter on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, and duly PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

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SIGNED and APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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John Stromberg, Mayor

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David H. Lohman, City Attorney