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Re: Notification to Permit Applicants located within the jurisdictional boundaries of **Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9**. This notification concerns the Fire Code amendment requiring the compliance with the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) construction requirements.

Dear Permit Applicant,

Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 (“ESD No. 9”), also known as the Westlake Fire Department, is charged with protecting life and property within its jurisdiction. In 2013, the Board of Commissioners amended the District’s Fire Code to incorporate the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (“IWUIC”) to mitigate wildfire risk and improving community resilience. The District has since adopted Findings of Fact and formally designated Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) areas within its jurisdiction, and IWUIC applies and is enforced within those areas.

Based on adopted Findings of Fact and an approved WUI boundary map, properties within the unincorporated areas of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 are designated as Wildland-Urban Interface areas, excluding properties located within the incorporated cities of West Lake Hills and Rollingwood, as well as areas subject to the City of Austin’s limited purpose jurisdiction.

New residential construction and additions located within the ESD No. 9 WUI areas may be subject to ignition-resistant construction requirements, including, but not limited to, the following construction features:

- Exterior wall assemblies
- Roofing and roof coverings
- Eaves, soffits, and vents
- Exterior doors and windows
- Decks, projections, and attachments
- Other construction features regulated by the IWUIC

The specific ignition-resistant construction requirements applicable to a project are determined based on site-specific factors identified in the IWUIC, including vegetation fuel type, slope, and fire weather conditions.

Compliance with the IWUIC is evaluated during plan review and inspection. Applicants may be required to provide additional construction details, product listings, or documentation to demonstrate compliance via our portal WFDPermits.com.

This notification is provided to ensure early awareness of these requirements and to assist permit applicants, design professionals, and contractors in incorporating WUI-compliant construction features into their projects from the outset.

We look forward to working collaboratively with applicants to reduce wildfire risk and improve community resilience.

If you have any questions regarding the Wildland-Urban Interface requirements or their applicability to your project, please do not hesitate to contact our office.