




**COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Division of the Fire Marshal**  
**Administrative Ruling**



<b>Number:</b>	<b>2024-3</b>		
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Fuels management for main structure and ancillary structures</b>		
<b>Reference:</b>	<b>2021 International Fire Code K101.1.1, K101.1.2, K101.3</b>		
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**PURPOSE:** Define fuels management measurements for main structures and ancillary structures within the wildland urban interface.

**SCOPE:** This applies to sections K101.1.1, K101.1.2, and K101.3 in Appendix K.

**DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE:** Ancillary structures, deck projects, and siding projects do not specifically call out mitigation radius which can lead to confusion for inspectors, contractors, and homeowners.

**DECISION:**

K101.1.1 and K101.1.2- Decks, siding projects, and ancillary structures shall comply with K103 for fuels management and clearance to main structures and ancillary structures within the wildland urban interface. Fuels management shall be maintained within a 30-foot radius from the perimeter of the scope of work, or to the property line if less. This shall apply to deck modifications, siding projects, and ancillary buildings including sheds, shade structures, patio/deck covers, shade pergolas, detached garages, and accessory dwelling units. Inspections shall be required for all scopes of work listed above.

K101.1.1 Define maintenance of a deck - Maintenance of a deck is defined as having planks and no structural members replaced. The deck work shall be exempt from Appendix K if it does not require a permit through the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. In the event the existing deck square footage is increased or added on to, then it will be considered a new deck.

K101.1.2 – Any addition to the existing structure shall be considered new work and as such will be required to comply to all provisions of this section. These provisions only apply to the scope of work. This does not apply to the existing structure.

K103, K104, and K105.1 - Shall apply to patio/deck covers and therefore require fuels management and structure hardening as noted in Appendix K. These provisions will only apply to the existing deck if the main structural members are altered.