

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS FOR WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE:

Section 76-1-601(3) (j) MCA requires a jurisdiction to evaluate whether or not there is a need to adopt regulations that require:

- (A) defensible space around structures;*
- (B) adequate ingress and egress to and from structures and developments to facilitate fire suppression activities; and*
- (C) adequate water supply for fire protection.*

(A) Defensible space around structures:

The City of Helena’s adopted Zoning Ordinance contains the following criteria for a zoning district: yard setbacks, lot area and width, landscaping, building coverage and building height. However, these regulations may not be specific enough to address development criteria for the WUI.

(B) Adequate ingress and egress to and from structures and developments to facilitate fire suppression activities:

The City’s Subdivision Regulations currently require two accesses for subdivisions that generate more than 200 daily vehicle trips. The Subdivision Regulations also establish design standards for streets and street grades. Further, the adopted Engineering Standards of June 2006 for the Public Works Department establish the requirements for street construction and improvements within the City of Helena.

(C) Adequate water supply for fire protection:

The Public Works Department maintains the City water mains and fire hydrants. The Engineering Standards adopted by the Public Works Department in June 2006 establish design standards for construction of infrastructure and established fire flows that are in compliance with the adopted version of the Uniform Fire Code .

In conclusion, the City has determined a need for regulations to address defensible space, adequate ingress and egress to facilitate fire suppression and adequate water supply for fire protection.