

July 13, 2010

To the Oregon Residential Specialty Code Committee:

We regret that we are unable to be present at the July 14, 2010, meeting where inclusion of a requirement for residential fire sprinklers will be discussed. This letter is intended to serve as recognition that **Ashland Fire & Rescue supports the adoption of the requirement for residential sprinklers in the ORSC.**

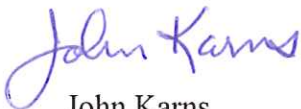
As you will hear from our colleagues today, there are many reasons why residential fire sprinklers benefit our community: life saving, property saving, less destruction and devastation and less water usage creating a more sustainable environment, reduced displacement of residents and prevention of fire spread from structures to environmental resources to name a few.

We hope that you consider today's presentations in support of the adoption of the fire sprinkler requirements to make a safe and sustainable impact on the future of Oregon residents.

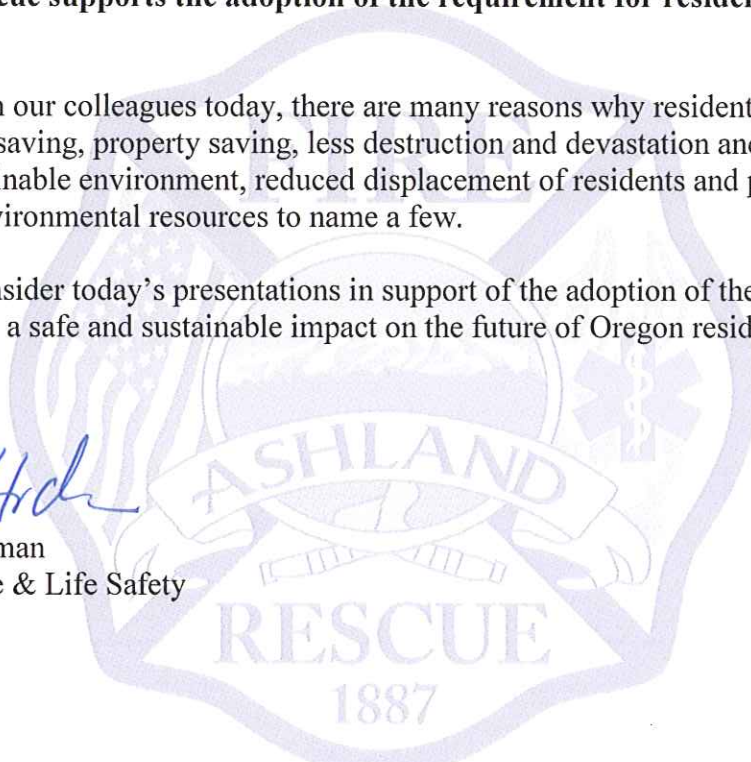
Sincerely,



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