

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE**

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2025- 95

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE CODE, AS MODIFIED AND WITH  
SUPPLEMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND AMENDING  
CHAPTER 18 ARTICLE X TO THE GURNEE MUNICIPAL CODE**

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ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

VILLAGE OF GURNEE, ILLINOIS

ON

DECEMBER 15, 2025

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Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Village Board  
of the Village of Gurnee, Lake County, Illinois,  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

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**WHEREAS**, The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Gurnee have determined that it is in the best interest of the Village of Gurnee adopt the 2024 Edition of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code as modified, as the standard for regulating and governing the mitigation of hazard to life and property from the intrusion of fire from Wildland exposures, fire from adjacent structures and prevention of structure fires from spreading to Wildland fuels as herein provided; for the issuance of permits and collection of fees thereof; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties of the Wildland Urban Interface Code within the Village of Gurnee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GURNEE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS HOME RULE POWERS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.** That Chapter 18 Article X, entitled "International Wildland Urban Interface Code" of the Gurnee Municipal Code is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Chapter 18, Article X entitled Gurnee Wildland Urban Interface Code, to provide as follows:

**CHAPTER 18 ARTICLE X. GURNEE WILDLANE URBAN INTERFACE CODE**

**SECTION II.**

**Sec. 18-500. Adoption.**

The regulations, conditions, definitions, and stipulations concerning the mitigation of hazard to life and property from the intrusion of fire from Wildland exposures, fire from adjacent structures and prevention of structure fires from spreading to Wildland fuels, as set forth in the 2024 International Wildland Urban Interface Code, with modifications and supplements set forth in section 18-501, are hereby adopted and made applicable, subject to exceptions made in this article, to all existing or proposed identified construction, within the corporate limits of the village. The following chapters, and each section and subsection of each such chapter, are not hereby adopted and shall not be applicable in the village:

**SECTION III.**

**Sec. 18-501. Modifications, supplements and exceptions.**

The following sections of the 2024 International Wildland Urban Interface Code, are revised as follows:

## **CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION**

### **SECTION 101 GENERAL**

**Section 101.1 Title.** Insert “Village of Gurnee” as name of jurisdiction.

**Section 103.1 Creation of Enforcement Agency** Insert “Community Development” as name of Department.

**SECTION IV:** All parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, but only to extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION V:** Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action arising, acquired or existing under any act or ordinance or portion thereof hereby repealed or amended by this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right, claim, penalty or remedy of any character of the corporate authority existing on the effective date hereof by lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

**SECTION VI:** If any provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this ordinance or application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, public agency or circumstance, shall, for any reason, be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons, firms, corporation, or circumstances, but shall be confined in its operation to the provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and to the person, firm, corporation, or circumstances involved. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the corporate authorities that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional or invalid provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof not been included.

**SECTION VII:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on March 1, 2026 and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

**SECTION VIII:** The Village Clerk is hereby directed and ordered to publish this ordinance in pamphlet form as required by Law.

**SECTION IX:** This ordinance shall be known as the “Wildland Urban Interface Code.”

Passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025

	Ayes:	Nays:	Absent/Abstain:
Jeanne E. Balmes	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Greg Garner	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Quin O'Brien	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Cheryl G. Ross	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Karen Thorstenson	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Kevin Woodside	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>  x  </u>

By:

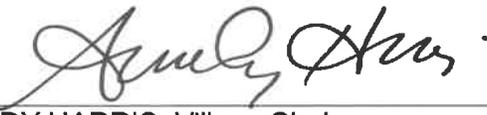


THOMAS B. HOOD, Village President

Date:

12-15-25

ATTEST:



By:

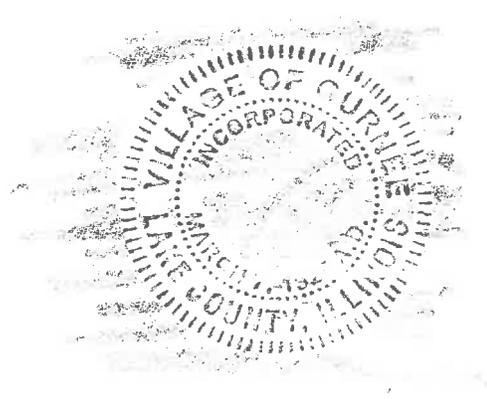
ANDY HARRIS, Village Clerk

Presented and read, or reading having been waived, at a duly convened meeting of the Corporate Authorities on December 15, 2025.

I hereby certify that the above ordinance was published in pamphlet form on December 16, 2025, as provided by law.



ANDY HARRIS, Village Clerk



STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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COUNTY OF LAKE         )

**CERTIFICATE**

I, ANDY HARRIS, certify that I am the duly elected and acting municipal clerk of the Village of Gurnee, Lake County, Illinois.

I certify that on the 15th day of December 2025, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance 2025 - 95, entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE, AS MODIFIED AND WITH SUPPLEMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 18 AND ADDING ARTICLE X TO THE GURNEE MUNICIPAL CODE”**, which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2025 - 95, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the municipal clerk.

Dated at Gurnee, Illinois, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025

  
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ANDY HARRIS, Village Clerk

