

# FIRE SAFE ROOFING ORDINANCE

## CLASS A ROOFING REQUIRED IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS



### THE ROOF IS THE MOST VULNERABLE PART OF A HOUSE DURING A WILDFIRE.

The city's Class A roofing ordinance 02-174 dated January 1, 2003, outlines the types of roofing products that can be used. The ordinance states that after January 1, 2003, a Class A roof covering (excluding solid wood roofing products) shall be installed on all **residential occupancies** for **new construction, re-roofing, and repairs greater than 25% of the total roof area**. A minimum Class B roof covering shall be installed on all remaining occupancies (not to replace Class A where already required by Table 15-A; 1997 UBC) at the time a permitted roofing or re-roofing application is made within the limits of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Prior to full containment of the Hayman Fire in July 2002, the Colorado Springs City Council directed the Fire Department to research the feasibility of creating an ordinance that banned wood shake and shingle roofs. Their directive was based not only on the numerous fire events that were besieging our state that year, but their commitment to the recently adopted Wildfire Mitigation Plan which specifically called for an ordinance requiring Class A, non-combustible roofing.

A task force of citizens and subject matter experts researched the various testing criteria, certifications, listings, product types, installation requirements, fire history, and similar ordinances in effect in various U.S. cities to develop the Class A roofing ordinance.

### INSTALLING A NEW ROOF

A statement regarding this ordinance is printed on every permit for new and replacement residential roofing, and the following notice appears when permits are requested online:

**By submitting this request for a roofing permit, I hereby agree, as the authorized applicant, to use only Class A roofing materials for new and replacement roofing of residential structures within the city limits of Colorado Springs, per City Ordinance 02-174.**

For more details on engineering requirements and installation standards, visit the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department (PPRBD) website at [www.pprbd.org/contfiles/BldgRoofing.pdf](http://www.pprbd.org/contfiles/BldgRoofing.pdf). For more information, call PPRBD at (719) 327-2880.

### TYPES OF CLASS A ROOFING PRODUCTS

Typical Class A roofing products include, but are not limited to the following types:

- Asphalt Shingles
- Stone-coated Metal
- Metal
- Concrete (standard weight and lightweight)
- Clay Tile
- Synthetic
- Slate
- Hybrid Composite