

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of June 10, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-105

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF ADOPTING THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP AND FIRE SAFE REGULATIONS TEXT AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, Humboldt County initiated the Fire Safe Regulations changes herein to adopt a map depicting Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the Local Responsibility Area in order to communicate potential severity of wildfires within unincorporated Humboldt County and to comply with Section 51179 of California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection released the map of the minimum Fire Hazard Severity Zones within Humboldt County that had been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, that would be required to be adopted by ordinance within 120 days; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance Amending the County Code to add Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones, and adopting the recommended Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the Local Responsibility Area was introduced on June 10, 2025 and presented for adoption on June 24, 2025;

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors makes all the following findings:

- 1. FINDING:** **Record Description:** A map adoption and amendment to the Fire Safe Regulations to, in accordance with State Government Code Section 51179, adopt the recommended Fire Hazard Severity Zones determined by the State Fire Marshal per Section 51178 of the California Government Code, and to incorporate reference to those zones via the map within the Fire Safe Regulations.

EVIDENCE: a) Record File: PLN-2025-19188

FINDINGS FOR CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

- 2. FINDING:** **CEQA.** The California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this action. The action is not a project as defined within the CEQA Guidelines.

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- EVIDENCE:**
- a) Per Section 15378, "project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, with oversight or participation from a public agency.
 - b) The proposed action does not have a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect change on the physical environment. There is no change to development expected by the adoption of this map.

FINDINGS FOR THE FIRE SAFE REGULATIONS TEXT AMENDMENT AND MAP ADOPTION

- 3. FINDING:** The proposed map adoption and regulations amendment is in the public interest.

- EVIDENCE:**
- a) The Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Map adoption and Fire Safe Regulations text amendment are in the public interest because:
 - The recommended hazard severity zones will promote fire-safe practices within the areas most likely to be impacted by wildfires.
 - The Fire Hazard Severity Zones do not affect insurance plans, because insurance companies utilize risk models, which are wholly separate from hazard models such as those utilized by the State Fire Marshal to evaluate these zones.
 - The Fire Hazard Severity Zones do not affect how fire services are provided.
 - These are the zones recommended by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, a state agency.

- 4. FINDING:** The proposed map adoption and ordinance amendment is consistent with the Fire Safe Regulations.

- EVIDENCE:**
- a) The Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Map adoption and text amendment are consistent with the Fire Safe Regulations

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because:

- The Fire Safe Regulations establish minimum wildlife protection standards in conjunction with building, construction, and development, thus providing for emergency access, signage and building numbering, private water supply reserves for emergency fire use, and vegetation modification. The fire protection standards therein are intended to specify the minimums for such measures.
- Most of the sections within the existing Fire Safe Regulations code are subordinate to existing State laws and therefore are no longer in full effect.

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

5. FINDING: The primary purpose of the ordinance is to establish local laws and regulations in compliance with State requirements.

- EVIDENCE:**
- a) The adoption of a Fire Hazard Severity Zone map by ordinance is mandated by Section 51179 of the California Government Code.
 - b) The Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map and Fire Safe Regulations Text Amendment Ordinance establishes Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the Local Responsibility Area and adopts the map of recommended zones provided by the State Fire Marshal.
 - c) The map, as approved by the county, is hereby incorporated by reference, and entitled "Fire Hazard Severity Zones as Identified by the State Fire Marshal, February 24, 2025 – Humboldt County."

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the above findings and evidence, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors does hereby:

1. Adopt the map depicting the Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the Local Responsibility Area, as identified by the State Fire Marshal; and
2. Adopt the Amendments to the Fire Safe Regulations.

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Dated: 6/10/2025



Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Madrone, Seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: -- Arroyo, Bohn, Madrone, and Wilson

NAYES: Supervisors: -- None

ABSENT: Supervisors: -- Bushnell

ABSTAIN: Supervisors: -- None

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Humboldt

I, Tracy Damico, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



By Kaleigh Maffei
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California