

ORDINANCE NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN ITS JURISDICTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AND DETERMINING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Fire Department (SMCFD) is a local agency as defined in Government Code section 51177, subdivision (e);

WHEREAS, Government Code section 51179, subdivision (a) requires a local agency to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code section 51178.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, **ORDAINS** as follows:

SECTION 1.

Designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

(a) In accordance with Government Code section 51179, subdivision (a), the Board, on behalf of the SMCFD, hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones in its jurisdiction as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.

(b) The Fire Hazard Severity Zones recommended by the State Fire Marshal were received by the SMCFD on February 24, 2025, and in accordance with Government Code section 51178.5, within 30 days after receiving the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the

State Fire Marshal, the SMCFD made the information available for public review and comment and presented the information in a format that was understandable and accessible to the general public including, but not limited to, maps.

(c) The Official Map of Fire Hazard Severity Zones designated by the SMCFD is hereby attached as Exhibit A, incorporated by this reference and entitled, The Official Map of the San Mateo County Fire Department Fire Hazard Severity Zones dated 2025 (The Map).

The Map showing the fire zone designations includes unincorporated portions of San Mateo County within the SMCFD's jurisdictions. The map is also located and can be accessed electronically on the SMCFD's official website at <https://www.smcgov.org/san-mateo-county-fire/fire-marshal-services>.

California Environmental Quality Act Determination.

(a) The Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080, subdivision (b)(1), and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15002, subdivision (i), as a ministerial action required by Government Code section 51179, subdivision (a).

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause of this ordinance is determined in a final ruling by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such finding shall not invalidate any remaining portions of the ordinance. The Board hereby declares that it would have adopted the ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence or clause thereof, irrespective of the fact that any portion of the ordinance is declared invalid.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect 30 days after passage. The Clerk of the Board is directed to cause this ordinance to be published as required by State law.

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