



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** August 4, 2008

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 14, CHAPTER 28 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICIAL FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP OF THE CITY OF PASADENA

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

The California Government Code requires that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) periodically review and make recommendation regarding the delineation of fire hazard severity zones in consultation with local fire departments. The Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map, dated July 1, 2008, is the result of the most recent review of local conditions conducted by CAL FIRE and the Pasadena Fire Department using updated technology, knowledge of fire behavior in the urban-wildland interface, and current local conditions. This information was used to identify Very High, High and Moderate Zones within the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map.

This ordinance will officially adopt the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map dated July 1, 2008 and will allow the Fire Chief to use such map in administering Chapter 28 of Title 14 (the City's Fire Prevention Code).

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

The City's Fire Prevention Code is codified in the Pasadena Municipal Code and may only be amended by ordinance.

MEETING OF 08/04/2008

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.A.1.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Fire Department implements the Fire Prevention Code.

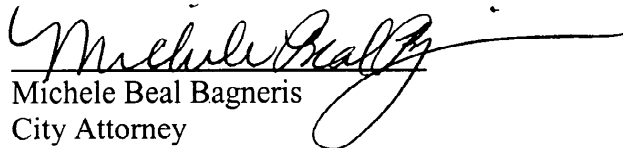
FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map will have no fiscal impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

This ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

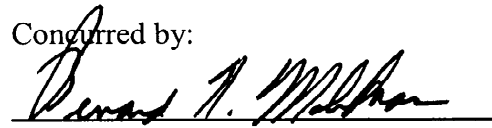
Respectfully submitted,


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City Attorney

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Frank Rhemrev
Assistant City Attorney

Concurred by:


Bernard K. Melekian
City Manager

Introduced by _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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TITLE 14, CHAPTER 28 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE
TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICIAL FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE
MAP OF THE CITY OF PASADENA

Whereas the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is required by law to map areas of significant fire hazards based on fuels, terrain, weather, and other relevant factors; based on modeling completed by CAL FIRE and with input from the Pasadena Fire Department, the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map was developed.

Whereas the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map was adjusted to reflect current knowledge of fire behavior within the urban-wildland interface; the Pasadena Fire Department then applied local knowledge of terrain, fire behavior, and other local influences to develop and define the Very High, High and Moderate Zones within the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map.

Whereas the City of Pasadena Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map dated July 1, 2008, is hereby incorporated by this reference and said map is on file with the Pasadena Fire Department.

Now Therefore, the City Council of the City of Pasadena finds that adoption of the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map and its implementation will help in protecting the people of Pasadena from fire hazards.

The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 28 of Title 14 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding Section 14.28.030 which reads as follows:

“14.28.030 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map

The map entitled “City of Pasadena Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map” dated July 1, 2008 is adopted and incorporated in this chapter by this reference. Such map shall be used by the Fire Chief in administering this chapter.”

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its publication.

Signed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Bill Bogaard
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

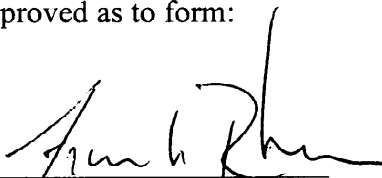
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Date Published:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Frank L. Rhemrev
Assistant City Attorney