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**From:** John Fauvre  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:03 PM  
**To:** Fire Hazard Severity Zone  
**Cc:** Augustin, Chad; cj Kurtz626; Madison, Steve; Jacqueline English; Andrew Ewing; Crawford, Garrett; Panossian, Koko  
**Subject:** Fire hazard

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Greetings:

I have sought more fire protection since the Arroyo Seco fire of last August.

The City's role is critical. The canopy, especially untrimmed palms and eucalyptus, threatens to spew embers. I know a revision is contemplated, but, as the City owns around one third of the land in the city, I think it should help and provide leadership. Similarly, fuel control in the Arroyo Seco is more important than any residential landscaping controls. Also, City advocacy for realistic hazard zones is important to hold down insurance requirements and premiums. Can you provide public information on these issues?

In addition, I have communicated with Cal Fire and our Fire Chief about the City's role in setting the hazard zones. I have asked for disclosure of all information and communications about our hazard zones. I think they might be more precise if public input were considered. Can you provide this? Or how might it be accessed?

Finally, I have read the Cal Fire effort to determine appropriate controls in light of recent conflagrations. But the study acknowledges great uncertainty because of the effects of fire department intervention and the impossibility of determining what destroyed structures had what protections. Thus the requirement of universal removal of historic and fire resistant plants within 5 feet of masonry walls on the downwind side of houses in many areas seems simply unjustified. Can the City help?

Regards,

John Fauvre

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**From:** John Fauvre  
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Sir

Can you confirm receipt of my email about fire hazard as a comment on city fire hazard activity?

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**From:** John Favvre  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:42 PM  
**To:** Fire Hazard Severity Zone  
**Subject:** City role for fire hazard zones

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Greetings:

I am told that the Cal Fire zones and procedures cannot be modified in any way and that the procedure and data for setting them cannot be disclosed for our particular zones. So how will our comments be considered and might they have any effect on the zones or the hardening requirements? Could the comment process include all City procedures for fire safety?

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**From:** John Fauvre  
**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 8:54 AM  
**To:** Fire Hazard Severity Zone  
**Cc:** Madison, Steve; Rick Cole; Márquez, Miguel; cjkurtz626; andrew ewing; Jacqueline English; Daniel Rossman  
**Subject:** Cal Fire comment

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Greetings again:

Since the city must adopt Cal Fire requirements, it must still consider how it might enforce them, and let us know. It might also explain its standards for fuel removal from Arroyo Seco park. Not just affordable maintenance in the thrall of a natural setting including dead trees, bushes, and grasses, but a starting point of enough clearance to meet a sensible level of safety, and enough resources to provide it. And how we can help getting affordable fire insurance.

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**From:** Jacqueline English  
**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 9:58 AM  
**To:** John Favre  
**Cc:** Fire Hazard Severity Zone; Madison, Steve; Rick Cole; Márquez, Miguel; cj Kurtz626; andrew ewing; Daniel Rossman  
**Subject:** Re: Cal Fire comment

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Good points. It is important to remember that while we can't make the Arroyo Seco "fire proof" we can lessen the intensity of the fire by removing a lot of fuel which would give our fire fighters a better chance to get their equipment in place and buy time for folks to evacuate the area. Folks in the Palisades had to abandon their cars because traffic backed up. Streets were blocked by fire engines trying to fight the fire. I have yet to see a realistic survey of what needs to be done to evacuate folks especially in the Linda Vista area. Those streets are narrow and lined with pine trees. At the Brookside table top meeting 2 months before the January 7th fire the assistant fire chief said the best plan to evacuate would be car pools. This is not a serious response.

In my opinion the city has, still after all this, seriously looked at the hazard. They are in complete denial.

On Fri, May 9, 2025 at 8:54 AM John Favre

> wrote:

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Jacqueline English



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**From:** John Fauvre  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2025 6:36 PM  
**To:** Steven@CALFIRE Barkley  
**Cc:** Márquez, Miguel; Augustin, Chad; Madison, Steve; Rick Cole; cj Kurtz626; Jacqueline English; Andrew Ewing; Fire Hazard Severity Zone  
**Subject:** Costs of zone 0

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Hi Again:

Have you any data on the approximate cost per home to remove plants, replace landscaping, and add screening?

I estimate a cost of about \$50 per bush for about 30 bushes plus \$200 ish for new things like pots and boulders plus about \$500 for new mesh, say about \$2200. Google says there about 15,000 houses in Pasadena in the very high hazard zone. Individual and total costs are not nothing. Transplanting is best in the winter.

Could Cal Fire help provide hardening services or help cities to contract for them?

As we have discussed, there does not seem to be much urgency as my neighborhood has never suffered from a conflagration. And what risk there may be is being reduced as Pasadena is grounding risky power lines, monitoring encampments, screening its canopy, adding tougher building standards, and clearing brush. Our power company has a risk area map that excludes our neighborhood. Any hardening benefits are somewhat uncertain as the data is clouded by the random nature of houses destroyed (drive through Altadena!), the inability to determine the protection effect of local fire services, and the lack of information on the proportion of hardened houses compared to non-hardened houses that have been destroyed. So the marginal benefit of more hardening to individual homeowners or the city is hard to estimate.

Can you offer any help with this?

Regards,

John  
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**From:** John Fauvre  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025 7:14 AM  
**To:** Fire Hazard Severity Zone  
**Cc:** Augustin, Chad; Márquez, Miguel; Madison, Steve; cjkurtz626; Jacqueline English; andrew ewing; Steven@CALFIRE Barkley  
**Subject:** Adopting Cal Fire Hazard zones

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Greetings:

I have submitted several comments asking questions about the Cal Fire Hazard Zones. Here is my summation.

Adopting the standards complies with state standards and some level of safety. But some additional efforts could add to risk mitigation, transparency, and flexibility to address local conditions.

1. Cal Fire classifications are opaque and may be inappropriate.

The basic studies of house hardening for fire protection are necessarily based on uncertain data. It is impossible to determine after a conflagration the proportion of hardened homes that survived compared to that of other homes. There is no pre-fire base point. Fire trucks may have been critical. Wind variation can't be tracked.

Studies used for particular zones are not disclosed and cannot be evaluated.

Local mitigation factors are ignored.

For example, the east side of the Lower Arroyo was moved from high to very high. But: While there is a steep slope, there is also a significant flat space. The wind nearly always blows toward the west. The slope is covered with fire resistant plants. Fire trucks have easy access. Oak canopies screen embers. Brush clearance and campsite monitoring are much increased. Power lines of Edison across the northern edge and by Pasadena Water and Power are being undergrounded and protected. Arguably the area is quite safe.

2. Cal Fire's Zone 0 of 5' of scraped earth around every house is too rigid. Canopies screen embers. Fire resistant plants and irrigation matter. Masonry walls are not risky.

3. Enforcement is difficult.

4. The process for each home is expensive. AI estimated 15,000 homes are affected.

5. Insurance rates will rise inappropriately.

6. Conclusion: along with considering Cal Fire's standards could come with a Much needed comprehensive and transparent review of city fire risk and support for modification of controlling state legislation.

Regards,

John Fauvre

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**From:** Dawn Dolan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025 3:24 PM  
**To:** Fire Hazard Severity Zone  
**Subject:** Defensible Space Inspection -

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Hello

I have been trying to call the department because I am having issues locating the Defensible space inspection form.. I cannot get access, and I can't get anyone to pick up the phone... Can you help direct me , please ?

Thank you

***Please be sure to copy Kristy Campbell on all correspondence :***

*Thank you, we appreciate your business*

DAWN DOLAN



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**From:** Yadi  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2025 3:29 PM  
**To:** Fire Hazard Severity Zone  
**Subject:** Public comment - Pasadena 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map (FHSZ)  
**Attachments:** Public Comment - Pasadena Fire Department - 05-30-25 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map (FHSZ).pdf

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Hi,

Please find attached my public comment for the Pasadena 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map (FHSZ).

Thanks,

Yadi  
(Attachments: 1)

Some of the most destructive wildfires in California have occurred outside the traditional "fire season" like the 2025 Palisades Fire and Eaton Fire. What measures is the City taking to adapt to this near year-round wildfire risk reality, to create a more fire-resistant environment, promote safety and preparedness?

I request that the City upgrade the hazard levels to more accurately reflect reality, specifically in the northeast area of Pasadena: to include Altadena Avenue to the west, Sierra Madre to the south and Michillinda to the east. It should cover more of 91107 and 91104. This also matches similar areas that were impacted by the Kinneloa Fire in 1993.<sup>1</sup>

The fires burned down to Sierra Madre Blvd, including the golf course at the Sierra Madre Blvd and New York intersection. This map impact building codes, defensible space requirements, and fire safety policies, including:

- Very High FHSZ properties must follow stricter home hardening and defensible space standards.
- New construction & major renovations in High/Very High zones must meet Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) building codes.
- Fire hazard zones must be disclosed in real estate transactions.

This is important for public awareness, transparency, and to help with preparation for future fires. Many residents were caught off-guard through a variety of ways including being dropped by their insurance, being ill-prepared for a fire emergency, and not taking the Eaton Fire threat seriously sooner. It is just aligning with the truth and reality, which is that more properties than indicated on this map are at risk of fire - as is evident from those impacted by the Eaton Fire.

The point of these FHSZ maps is to more accurately reflect the zones in California that are susceptible to wildfire. Updated hazard levels will also help communities advocate for more resources and legislative action based on the facts. Although expanding the hazard zones will be more costly and require more resources, the lack of adequate resources and planning will be more costly in the long run.

According to Kern County Planning, "Wildfire in California costs us billions of dollars. The top 10 most destructive wildfires in California history led to 54,025 structures burning and 200 deaths, with total estimated cost of over \$250 billion. 7 of the top 10 most destructive wildfires in California occurred in the last 10 years."

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Yadi  
Pasadena Fire Department  
May 30, 2025  
Pasadena Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map 2025

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<sup>1</sup> [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/a7/1993\\_Kinneloa\\_Fire\\_footprint.png](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/a7/1993_Kinneloa_Fire_footprint.png)

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**From:** John Favre  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:57 AM  
**To:** Augustin, Chad; Fire Hazard Severity Zone; Márquez, Miguel; cj Kurtz626; Jacqueline English  
**Subject:** Los Angeles Times: A 'Zone 0' ban on plants near homes could aggravate fire risk

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