

## ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP AND ADDING CHAPTER 15.14 TO THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE, FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE EXEMPT FROM CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Findings.** The City Council of the City of Temecula does hereby find, determine and declare as follows:

(a) Government Code Section 51178 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

(b) On March 24, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 51178, the State Fire Marshal published a map indicating the Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones designating various areas in the City of Temecula as moderate, high and very high Fire Hazard Severity Zones (“FHSZ’s”).

(c) Within 30 days after receiving a transmittal from the State Fire Marshall that identifies fire hazard severity zones, the City made the maps and information available for public review and comment and placed the information and maps on its website in an understandable and accessible form.

(d) The City has fulfilled all requirements for the adoption of the FHSZ maps.

**Section 2. Addition of Chapter 15.14, Fire Hazzard Severity Zone Maps.** Chapter 15.14, Fire Hazzard Severity Zone Maps, is hereby added to the Temecula Municipal Code to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 15.14 FIRE HAZZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAPS

**15.14.010 Adoption of Fire Severity Zone Map.** Pursuant to Government Code section 51179(a), the City Council hereby adopts the fire hazard severity zones for the City of Temecula as recommended by the State Fire Marshal on March 24, 2025 and the map entitled “City of Temecula Fire Hazard Severity Zones” depicting fire hazard severity

zones within the City. The City of Temecula Fire Hazard Severity Zones map shall be on file in the Office of the City Clerk and shall be available upon request. The official map is also located electronically on the following City website: <https://temeculaca.gov/1651/Fire-Hazard-Severity-Map> or such other website as designated on the City's official website.

**15.14.020 Designation may not be decreased.**

Pursuant to Government Code section 51179(b)(3) no fire hazard severity zone identified by the State Fire Marshal for an area within the city may be decreased to a lesser fire hazard severity zone.

**Section 3. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).** City staff have evaluated the proposed Ordinance and determined that it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15303, and 15308 on the grounds that it can be seen with certainty that the Ordinance will not have a significant effect on the environment. To the extent this is a project under CEQA, it is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

**Section 4. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, phrases or portions might be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**Section 8. Certification.** The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published and posted in the manner required by law.

**Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall on the date provided in Government Code Section 36937.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Temecula  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

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Brenden Kalfus, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Randi Johl, City Clerk

[SEAL]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA       )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE     ) ss  
CITY OF TEMECULA         )

I, Randi Johl, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2025-08 was duly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Temecula on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, and that thereafter, said Ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a meeting thereof held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:                   COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES:                   COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN:               COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT:                COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Randi Johl, City Clerk