

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Brad Casady, Battalion Chief
Steve Swarthout, Deputy Fire Marshal

DATE: October 22, 2019

SUBJECT: Adopt the 2019 California Fire Code

PREPARED BY: Elsa Wigle, Asst. Fire Marshal

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council introduce and read by title only an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 19-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2019 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE BASED ON THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, IN ITS ENTIRETY, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARD OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CITY OF TEMECULA, INCLUDING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND THE COLLECTION OF FEES

SUMMARY OF

ORDINANCE: Code adoption of the new California Fire Code 2019 Edition, as well as local amendments to the code.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the requirements of State law, and in order to maintain appropriate standards and regulations pertaining to the protection of life and property from fire and explosion, it is now necessary to incorporate within the Temecula Municipal Code, the 2019 Edition of the California Fire Code, as set forth in Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, inclusive of all of the inclusions and exclusions set forth in each chapter's matrix. This Code shall constitute the Fire Code of the City of Temecula.

The Ordinance adopts regulations dealing with the various aspects of administration of said Fire Code including, but not limited to, its scope of application, alternative materials and methods, applicable standards, enforcement of said Code by designated officials, appeals of determinations by the Fire Chief and permit fees pursuant to said Code.

The Code, together with certain amendments, additions and deletions, generally deals with all aspects of safeguarding life and property, establishes fire and panic safety-related building regulations, and specific regulations pertaining to the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices.

Further, the Fire Code of the City of Temecula, together with the amendments, additions and deletions set forth in the Ordinance, establish regulations to safeguard life and property from hazardous conditions in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises within the City of Temecula. The Ordinance provides that violations of the Ordinance may be enforced pursuant to the enforcement provisions set forth in Title 1 of the Temecula Municipal Code, including the use of civil remedies.

A certified copy of the entirety of the text of this Ordinance, together with a copy of the 2019 California Fire Code, shall be maintained in the office of the City Clerk, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, California, and shall be made available for public inspection.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance