



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Clay Shepard, Supervising Fire Marshal
DATE: June 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Adopt Ordinance Establishing Fire Hazard Severity Zones within Local Responsibility Areas in the City of Beaumont

Description A public hearing to adopt an ordinance establishing the updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) within the Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) of the City of Beaumont, as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE).

Background and Analysis:

On February 6, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an Executive Order mandating the update and release of FHSZ maps for Local Responsibility Areas. These updated maps, released to the City on March 24, 2025, add approximately 1.4 million acres statewide to the “high” and “very high” fire hazard designations, directly affecting 389 cities, including Beaumont.

As required by Government Code Sections 51175–51189, local jurisdictions must adopt the FHSZ maps by ordinance within 120 days of release. The City has met the 30-day public review requirement by making the maps available both online and at City Hall. Outreach included the launch of a dedicated webpage on April 2 and social media dissemination on April 4.

A discussion item was brought to the City Council on April 15, 2025, and Riverside County Fire presented the information on the new map for Beaumont, answering questions provided by the City Council.

The proposed ordinance (Attachment A) formally adopts the “City of Beaumont Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map” as prepared by CAL FIRE and requires future compliance with applicable building and fire codes in the designated FHSZ areas.

The adoption supports the City’s wildfire risk mitigation efforts and aligns with State law requiring updated land use planning, defensible space regulations (Zones 0, 1, and 2), and fire-safe development standards.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no immediate fiscal impact resulting from the ordinance adoption. Additional inspections that will be required will be handled by the County of Riverside Fire Department.

The estimated cost of preparing this staff report is \$300.

Recommended Action:

Hold a Public Hearing and;

Waive the first full reading and approve by title only, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Beaumont, California, Adopting the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as Recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Pursuant to Government Code Section 51178".

Attachments:

- A. Draft Ordinance
- B. LRA Map – Beaumont
- C. Proof of Publication