



**STAFF REPORT  
HOLLISTER CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING DATE: April 21, 2025  
REPORT # Fire-2025-10**

**AGENDA ITEM: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOLLISTER MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 8.40 ENTITLED “FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES” TO DESIGNATE LOCAL FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES**

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Jonathan Goulding, Fire Chief

**STAFF CONTACT:** Alisia Corpuz, Senior Support Services Assistant

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Hold a public hearing and introduce an ordinance designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in the City of Hollister City Limits.

**DISCUSSION:** The California State Fire Marshal has identified 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. Government Code Section 51178.5 requires local agencies to make the information available for public review and comment within 30 days of receiving the updated information. The City of Hollister received the updated mapping details on March 10, 2025, and has made the map available to the public on the City of Hollister Website as of May 11, 2025.

Government Code Section 51179 requires local agencies to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the California State Fire Marshal Office.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL OR COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**CEQA:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance
2. FHSZ Map