

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF ~~THE CITY COUNCIL OF~~ THE CITY OF HOLLISTER ~~TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOLLISTER MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 8.40 ENTITLED "FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES" TO DESIGNATE LOCAL FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES~~ WITHIN THE CITY

WHEREAS, the State Fire Marshal is responsible for identifying areas in the State as 'Moderate', 'High', and 'Very High' severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas; and,

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WHEREAS, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFIRE) released updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone ("FHSZ") maps to the City of Hollister, ("City") on March 10, 2025, designating areas within the City as being in 'Moderate' fire hazard zones; and,

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 51178.5, the City posted the FHSZ maps for public review and comment within 30 days after receiving the transmittal from the State Fire Marshal that identifies fire hazard severity zones; and,

WHEREAS, the City posted the FHSZ maps electronically to the City's website; and,

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WHEREAS, under California Government Code Section 51179(a), the City is required to adopt the updated FHSZ maps by ordinance within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 51178, and transmit a copy to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Forestry Board) pursuant to Government Code Section 51179(c); and,

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WHEREAS, adoption of the updated FHSZ maps will promote public safety, ensure compliance with State law, and ensure current fire hazard assessments are reflected in local planning and regulatory processes; and,

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WHEREAS, the City hereby designates the FHSZ as recommended by CalFIRE pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOLLISTER, ~~DOES ORDAIN~~ AS FOLLOWS:

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SECTION 1. The City of Hollister hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178. The official map is also located electronically on the City of Hollister website.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any part of this Ordinance is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance, and the City Council hereby declares that it would have passed the remainder of the Ordinance if such invalid portion thereof had been deleted.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its final passage.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION. Within fifteen (15) days after passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

INTRODUCED at a regular City Council meeting on April 21, 2025, and **ADOPTED** as an ordinance of the City of Hollister at a regular City Council meeting on May 5, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAINED:
ABSENT:

Roxanne Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC, City Clerk

Mary Lerner, City Attorney

I, JENNIFER WOODWORTH, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Hollister, do hereby certify that the attached Ordinance No. XXXX is an original ordinance, or true and correct copy of a City ordinance, duly adopted by the Council of the City of Hollister at a regular meeting of said Council held on May 5, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Hollister on May 5, 2025.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
City Clerk of the City of Hollister