



**STAFF REPORT  
HOLLISTER CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING DATE: September 2, 2025  
REPORT # Fire-2025-18**

**AGENDA ITEM: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.04 OF THE HOLLISTER MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, INCLUDING APPENDICES, AND ADDING SECTION 15.04.055 TO ESTABLISH LOCAL AMENDMENTS**

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire

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

**STAFF CONTACT:** Carlos Bedolla, Deputy Fire Marshal

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Hold a public hearing and introduce the Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.04 of the Hollister Municipal Code to Adopt the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code in its entirety, including appendices, as adopted in Title 24, Part 9 of the California Code of Regulations, and Adding Section 15.04.055 to establish and adopt local amendments.

**DISCUSSION:** Fire Protection agencies are generally required to adopt the State Building Standards and agencies are allowed to make amendments to those state standards when justified by local topographical, climatic and geographical conditions.

The International Code Council promulgates the International Fire Code, a nationally recognized compilation of rules and regulations. The International Code Council has conducted open code hearings that permit participation by National, State, and local code officials; as well as industry representatives, consultants, and other private parties with an interest in the International Fire Code. The international Fire Code has been printed and published as a Code in book form with the meaning of Section 50022.1 of the Government Code of the State of California.

Under this adopting ordinance, specific amendments to building standards are more restrictive than those contained within the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code as adopted by the California Building Standards Commission and published as the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code.

Under the provisions of Section 18941.5 of the Health and Safety Code, local amendments are based on climatic, topographical and geological conditions. The findings for these local amendments are set forth in the Ordinance.

It is clearly understood that the adoption of such amendments may not prevent the incidence of fire, the implementation of these various amendments to the Fire Code is intended to reduce the potential loss of life and property and damage to the environment caused thereby. Staff is requesting that City Council introduce the ordinance and hold a public hearing on September 2, 2025 and hold a second reading by title only and adopt this ordinance on September 15, 2025. Copies of the ordinance proposed for adoption will be available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A

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

**CEQA:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance