



**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 07/01/2025
AGENDA HEADING: Consent Calendar

AGENDA TITLE:

Consideration to adopt the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CalFire) Updated 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

- (1) Adopt Ordinance No. 691 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA, TO ADOPT UPDATED FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTER, AND FIRE PROTECTION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51178, AND REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 8.08.060 (VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP) OF TITLE 8 OF THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES MUNICIPAL CODE

FISCAL IMPACT: The adoption of the Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map does not have a direct fiscal impact. However, fuel modification, wildfire mitigation and preparedness efforts, and open space maintenance work conducted partly in response to this map will incur costs that have been included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Draft Operating Budget.

Amount Budgeted: N/A
Additional Appropriation: N/A
Account Number(s): N/A

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REVIEWED BY: Catherine Jun, Deputy City Manager *oj*

APPROVED BY: Ara Mihranian, AICP, City Manager *AM*

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- A. Ordinance No. 691 (Page A-1)
- B. [June 17, 2025 City Council Staff Report](#) (Page B-1)

BACKGROUND:

On June 17, 2025, Ordinance No. 691 (Attachment A) was introduced by the City Council. This Ordinance proposes to adopt the California Department of Forestry and Fire

Protection's (CalFire) updated 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map 2025 and to repeal and replace Section 8.08.060 (Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map) of Title 8 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code to reflect the updated requirements.

This evening, Ordinance No. 691 is presented for its second reading and consideration of adoption. If adopted, this Ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2026. Until then, current requirements, including fuel modification, shall remain in full force and effect.

ALTERNATIVES:

In addition to the Staff recommendation, the following alternative actions are available for the City Council's consideration:

1. Identify text modifications to the proposed ordinance language and direct Staff to return at the next available meeting to incorporate comments made to develop and refine the proposed code amendment or to consider adding areas of the City to the Very High Fire Severity Zone.
2. Do not adopt Ordinance No. 691
3. Take other action, as deemed appropriate
4. Take no action.