



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: November 29, 2022
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 30 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mark A. Hartwig, Fire Chief / Fire Warden, 805-681-5500
Director(s)
Contact Info: Rob Heckman, Deputy Chief of Administration, 805-681-5501
**SUBJECT: Hearing for Amending Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code with
the Adoption of the 2022 California Fire Code**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) On November 29th, consider the introduction (first reading) of an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code to adopt the 2022 California Fire Code with local amendments as the enforcement Code in all areas within the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District and all other unincorporated areas of the County where the Santa Barbara County Fire Department is the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ), unless otherwise specified by this ordinance;
- b) Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full;
- c) Continue the hearing to December 6th, 2022 on the Administrative Agenda to consider recommendations, as follows:
 - i) On December 6th, 2022, consider the adoption (second reading) of an ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Santa Barbara County Code as set forth above; and
 - ii) Consider and approve adoption of a Resolution of Legislative Findings Supporting Amendments to the California Fire Code; and
 - iii) Determine that the adoption of this ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act in compliance with Section 15061 (b), (3), (No possibility of impact on the environment).

Summary Text:

In July 2022, the State of California adopted the 2022 California Fire Code, which incorporates the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code of the International Code Council with California amendments. On January 1, 2023, the 2022 California Fire Code becomes effective and pursuant to Section 13146 of the Health and Safety Code, the Fire Chief of Santa Barbara County shall enforce within its jurisdiction the building standards and other regulations of the State Fire Marshal, namely the 2022 California Fire Code. In addition, Section 13869.7 of the Health and Safety Code states that a fire protection district “may adopt building standards relating to fire and panic safety that are more stringent than those building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal and contained in the California Building Standards Code.” The 2022 updates to Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 15 require modifications to nine sections. The 2022 California Fire Code is adopted in Sec. 15-1. Revisions are made to Sec. 15-2 to clarify the application for review by amending prior and adding new language. Changes in fire code requirements and amendments, which are more stringent than State law, are addressed in Sec. 15-3. Minor language changes are addressed in Sec. 15-4. Secs. 15-51, 15-52, 15-71.1 and 15-101 are updated with a new definition for consistency throughout the document.

There will be **no** fee increases with this proposed adoption.

Copies of the proposed ordinance will be distributed for review and comment to the cities of Buellton, Goleta and Solvang, which are located in the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District. In addition, copies will be sent to various industry groups and the other fire districts and departments in the County for their review and comment.

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board shall complete noticing for the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Santa Barbara within 15 days after adoption, including the names of those supervisors voting for and against the ordinance.

Attachments:

- A. Proposed Ordinance (clean copy)
- B. Proposed Ordinance (red strikethrough)
- C. Resolution of Legislative Findings
- D. PowerPoint Presentation

Authored by:

Rob Hazard, Fire Marshal