

Fire Hazard Severity Zones – Unincorporated LRA
Case No.
Board of Directors Hearing Date:
June 3, 2025 Attachment A

**ATTACHMENT A: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES
WITHIN THE LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREAS IN THE UNINCORPORATED
AREAS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA IN THE JURISDICTIONS OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREAS AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODES 51178 AND 51179.

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The Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District ordains as follows:

SECTION 1:

- (a) The Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, is a “local agency” as defined in Government Code section 51177(e).
- (b) The Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, as the “local agency” providing fire protection within the local responsible area has designated additional areas previously designated by the State Fire Marshal as Very High Fire Hazard within the unincorporated areas of the County.
- (c) As a result of the reduction in the Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the local responsibility area from the OSFM map, shown in Exhibit A, in the unincorporated areas of the County, the fire chiefs, fire marshals and their respective planning agencies met to discuss the inclusion of areas designated in the 2008 LRA FHSZ maps, shown as Exhibit B, into the 2025 LRA FHSZ maps. Utilizing our respective CWPPs, our local knowledge of the area and the evacuation challenges, and data from the draft Santa Barbara Foothill Traffic Study in Attachment E to the Board Letter dated June 3, 2025, we recognized the areas within the 2008 LRA FHSZ boundary would be challenged with any resulting evacuation.
- (d) The District hereby designates areas not identified as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones by the State Fire Marshal, as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones following a finding supported by substantial evidence in the record by Attachment E to the Board Letter dated June 3, 2025 that the requirements of Government Code **Section 51182** are necessary for effective fire protection within the area to properly mitigate risk through defensible space, adequate access, and addressing future housing density.
- (e) The District hereby designates the areas identified by the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District in Exhibit B as Very High Fire Hazard.
- (f) The map, approved by the District, is hereby incorporated by reference, and entitled “Santa Barbara County Unincorporated LRA Fire Hazard Severity Zones.”

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SECTION 2:

All exhibits shall be made available to the public during normal business hours at Santa Barbara County Fire Headquarters: 4410 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara.

EXHIBIT A: 2025 OSFM LRA FHSZ SB County Unincorporated Map

EXHIBIT B: Proposed Unincorporated LRA Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map – SB County

The official map is also located electronically on the following website:

<https://sbcfire.com/article/fire-departments-of-santa-barbara-county-release-local-responsibility-area-fire-hazard-severity-zone-maps/>

SECTION 3:

This ordinance shall take effect and become operative 30 days from the date of its adoption by the Board of Directors. Before the expiration of 15 days after its passage, a summary of it shall be published once together with the names of the members of the Board of Directors voting for and against the same in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, this _____ day of June 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

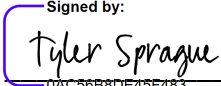
ABSTENTIONS:

LAURA CAPPS, CHAIR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Signed by:
By: 
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Deputy County Counsel