

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AND AMEND SECTION 18-44.4907.1 OF CHAPTER 18-44 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE TO INCLUDE THE NEWLY DESIGNATED HIGH ZONE REFERENCE

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Santa Rosa hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51179.

The map, approved by the City of Santa Rosa, is hereby incorporated by reference as Exhibit A to this Ordinance, and entitled “Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones.”

Section 2. Section 18-44.4907.1 of the Santa Rosa City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“18-44.4907.1 General.

California Fire Code, Section 4907.1 is amended to read as follows:

4907.1 General. Defensible space will be maintained around all buildings and structures in State Responsibility Area (SRA) as required in Public Resources Code 4290 and “SRA Fire Safe Regulations” California Code of Regulations Title 14, Division 1.5, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Section 1270.

Buildings and structures within the High and Very-high Fire Hazard Severity Zones of a Local Responsibility Area (LRA) shall maintain defensible space as outlined in Government Code 51175-51189 and any local ordinance of the authority having jurisdiction. Buildings and structures within the Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area of a Local Responsibility Area (LRA) shall maintain defensible space as outlined in the Government Code Sections 51175-51189 and local standards of the authority having jurisdiction.”

Section 3. Environmental Determination. The Council finds that the adoption and implementation of this ordinance are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15061(b)3 in that the Council finds there is no possibility that the implementation of this ordinance may have significant effects on the environment.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid and/or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day following its adoption.

This ordinance was introduced by the Council of the City of Santa Rosa on March 18th, 2025.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN/RECUSE:

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones