

**CITY OF CLEARLAKE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 281-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CLEARLAKE TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY  
ZONES IN THE LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA AS  
REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2025, pursuant to Government Code section 51178, the State Fire Marshal issued Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps for Local Responsibility Areas in Northern California, including the City of Clearlake;

**WHEREAS**, under California Government Code section 51179, local agencies are required to designate by ordinance moderate, high and very high fire hazard severity zones in their jurisdictions within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to California Government Code Section 51178; and

**WHEREAS**, under California Government Code section 51179(b)(3) a local agency may not decrease the severity of a fire hazard zone as identified by the State Fire Marshal for any area within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, as advised by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and for simplicity of understanding by staff and the public, the map has been translated to create one designation per parcel based on the highest fire hazard zone affecting the parcel.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Fire Hazard Severity Zones**

The City hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178. The map, approved by the City, entitled "LRA Map Update – Fire Hazard Severity Zones" is hereby incorporated by reference and attached hereto. The map is also available at the following website: [www.clearlake.ca.us/475/Priority-Projects](http://www.clearlake.ca.us/475/Priority-Projects)

**SECTION 2. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective on the thirty first day after adoption.

**SECTION 3. Certification.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance.

INTRODUCED by the City Council of the City of Clearlake, County of Lakee, State of California on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025 and PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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Russell Cremer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Swanson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Dean Pucci, City Attorney