

STAFF REPORT 12/11/2019

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Bonifacio De La Cruz, Battalion Chief

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2019-75, Acknowledging Receipt of Riverside County Fire

Department's Annual Inspection Compliance Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2019-75, approving the annual inspection compliance report to fulfill the new requirements of the California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On September 27, 2018, the Governor Brown approved California Senate Bill 1205 (SB1205), which added Section 13146.4 to California Health and Safety Code affecting every fire department or fire district in the State. In addition to the current State regulation of conducting annual building inspections for fire safety purposes, the new bill requires that each fire department or district's administering authority, i.e. City Council to formally acknowledge receipt of the compliance report in a resolution or a similar formal document. To comply with this new mandate, it is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2079-75 acknowledging receipt of a report made by the Fire Chief of the Riverside County Fire Department regarding inspection of certain occupancies as required pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code.

BACKGROUND:

Existing state law requires California fire departments to enforce the fire code as adopted. Additionally, fire departments are required to perform annual inspections of every building used as a public or private school, hotels, motels, lodging houses and apartment houses for compliance with the adopted codes.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The purpose of SB 1205 is to require fire departments to review and report on occupancies inspected within its jurisdiction as required to be inspected annually by the State.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Being that this a mandated process, there are no other recommendations or alternatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendation.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2019-75, approving the annual inspection compliance report to fulfill the requirement of Senate Bill 1205 and the newly added Section 13146.4 of the California Health and Safety Code.

Attachments: Resolution No. 2019-75

Senate Bill 1205