



STAFF REPORT
11/9/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Chris Cox, Assistant Fire Marshall

SUBJECT: Introduce Ordinance No. 1200, first reading, revising Municipal Code Title 15, Chapter 15.24 for the purpose of adopting the 2022 California State Fire Code.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 1200 for first reading, by title only, to amend Title 15, Chapter 15.24 of the Coachella Municipal Code adopting the California Fire Code.

BACKGROUND:

California Fire Code updates occur every three years in order to update the State Fire Codes to the currently adopted and amended sections of the Coachella Municipal Code.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

California State Law Title 24 requires that the new California Model Codes (Title 24 Part 9) be adopted at a local level with local amendments prior to their official enforcement date, in this case January 1, 2023. The California Fire Code (CFC) contains regulations consistent with nationally recognized and accepted practices for safeguarding life and property from the hazards of:

- Fire and explosion.
- Dangerous conditions arising from the storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials and devices.
- Hazardous conditions in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The City Council finds that this Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no financial impact in adopting this ordinance for either the City or residents of the City. It does not change any fees or require expenditure of any kind and presents no financial burden to the City of Coachella residents. Lack of adoption would not relieve the City from complying with the uniform Codes.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Introduce Ordinance No. 1200 for first reading, by title only, to adopt the new California State Fire Code.
2. Continue this matter and provide staff direction.
3. Take no action.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

Staff recommends Alternative #1 as shown above.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance No. 1200 (first reading)
Exhibit A – Title 15, Chapter 15.24 Amendments