



STAFF REPORT

February 7, 2024
File Number 0320-10

SUBJECT

ANNUAL STATE MANDATED INSPECTION COMPLIANCE REPORT

DEPARTMENT

Fire

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council Approve Resolution No. 2024-11 acknowledging the Fire Department's report of compliance with annual State mandated inspections. The Report indicates the Escondido Fire Department has conducted 100% of Educational Group E occupancies and 100% of Residential Group R occupancies as required by state law.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Fire: John Tenger, Fire Chief)

Presenter: John Tenger, Fire Chief

FISCAL ANALYSIS

None.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Resolution No. 2023-05, acknowledging receipt of the annual state mandated inspection compliance report from the Escondido Fire Department, was approved February 15, 2023.

BACKGROUND

California law requires that certain structures be inspected on a regular basis. Public or private schools, which are used by more than six persons, (Educational Group E occupancies) and specified structures used for housing, such as hotels, motels, lodging houses, residential care facilities, and apartment houses (Residential Group R occupancies), must be inspected for compliance with building standards pursuant to sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code.

On September 27, 2018, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill (SB) 1205, which requires fire departments to report annually to their administering authorities that these mandatory inspections have been conducted. SB 1205 was introduced in early 2018 in response to the Oakland Ghost Ship warehouse fire in 2016, which killed 36 people, and reported that many schools and apartment buildings in the Bay Area had not received their annual required fire inspections for many years.



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According to the SB 1205's author, State Senator Jerry Hill, the annual report required by SB 1205 serves to "remind" cities to inspect their buildings as required by law to prevent the loss of life and property. SB 1205 requires the administering authority to acknowledge receipt of the report in a resolution or a similar formal document. The intent is to bring to the attention of governing bodies, particularly during the budget process, if there is a lack of compliance with specified mandated annual inspections.

The Escondido Fire Department has a business inspection program that meets the Health and Safety Code requirements for the annual inspection of educational Group E and the residential Group R occupancies. Inspections are performed by our Fire Prevention Bureau inspectors and fire engine company personnel. The current staffing level of the Fire Department is currently sufficient to meet the State mandated inspection requirements of SB 1205.

The report of annual State mandated inspections pursuant to sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code is contained in Exhibit "A" of Resolution No. 2024-11.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2024-11
- b. Resolution No. 2024-11 Exhibit "A"