



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 11/05/2019

ITEM NO: 11

ADDENDUM

DATE: November 4, 2019
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Code Application Amendment A-19-009. Project Location: **Town Wide**. Consider an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 6, Building Regulations, and Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Town of Los Gatos Municipal Code with the New 2019 California Building and Fire Codes, as amended.

REMARKS:

Attachment 3 includes public comment received between 11:01 a.m., Thursday, October 31, 2019 to 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 4, 2019.

Attachments previously received with the November 5, 2019 Staff Report:

1. Ordinance adopting new Building and Fire Codes
2. Resolution making Findings for modifying California Codes

Attachment received with this Addendum:

3. Public comment received between 11:01 a.m., Thursday, October 31, 2019 to 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 4, 2019.

PREPARED BY: Robert Gray
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Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

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From: Phil Koen <pkoen@monteropartners.com>
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2019 9:32 AM
To: Laurel Prevetti <LPrevetti@losgatosca.gov>
Cc: Robert Schultz <RSchultz@losgatosca.gov>; Rob Stump <rstump@ani-psg.com>; jak vannada <jvannada@gmail.com>
Subject: Agenda Item 11 - November 5 Council Meeting - Section 4907 Defensible Space

Dear Laurel,

As you know the vast majority of lots in the Los Gatos Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area are also in a VHFHSZ (LRA). On page 151 of the Council package there is a markup of proposed changes to article 4907.1 of the Town Code.

In reading the markup, it isn't clear to me that adjacent lots, whether improved or not improved located in the VHFHSZ (LRA), will be subject to the proposed changes which will require an additional 30 to 100 foot clearance so as to fully implement a 100 foot defensible zone from any structures.

From reading the markup, it appears that lots in the VHFHSZ (LRA) are governed by Government Code 51175 - 51189. This code does not require adjacent lots to maintain an additional defensible space located 30 to 100 feet from any structure on an adjacent lot. Furthermore there doesn't appear to be a local ordinance requiring this.

Can you please clarify the requirements for adjacent lots in the VHFHSZ (LRA) to fully comply with an additional 30 - 100 foot clearance from any structures.

Thank you.

Phil Koen

ATTACHMENT 3

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