

ORDINANCE NO. 910XXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 8.40.010, FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES, OF SECTION 8.40, FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES, OF TITLE 8, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OF THE SONORA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALIGN WITH ORDINANCE NO. 906

WHEREAS, section 8.40.010, Fire Hazard Severity Zones, of the Sonora Municipal Code references the very high fire hazard severity zones on a map dated September 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, during the City of Sonora ("City") Council meeting on June 16, 2025, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 906 adopting the 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 906 did not amend section 8.40.010 to reflect the 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map; and

WHEREAS, section 8.40.010 of the Sonora Municipal Code should be repealed and replaced to remove the reference to the map dated September 2, 2008, and instead refer to the 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map adopted by Ordinance No. 906.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8.40.010, Fire Hazard Severity Zones, of Chapter 8.40, Fire Hazard Severity Zones, of Title 8, Health and Safety, of the Sonora Municipal Code, shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new section that shall read as follows:

8.40.010 - Fire Hazard Severity Zones

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SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its final passage and adoption, provided it is published in a newspaper of general circulation at least within fifteen (15) days after its passage or a summary of the Ordinance is published in a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days prior to adoption and again at least within fifteen (15) days after its passage.

SECTION 4. CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ADOPTION AND APPROVAL. This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on September XX, 2025, and passed and adopted as Ordinance No. XXX at a regular meeting of the City Council held on October XX, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: _____

Ann Segerstrom, Mayor, City of Sonora

ATTEST: _____
Tracy Skelly, City Clerk, City of Sonora

Approved as to Form:

Douglas L. White, City Attorney

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