

**THE CITY OF SONORA
ORDINANCE NO. 906**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA ADOPTING THE 2025 FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 51178 requires the California State Fire Marshal to identify and recommend areas within the state as moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 51179, local agencies are required to adopt the fire hazard severity zone designations within 120 days of receiving the recommendations from the State Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2025, the Sonora Fire Department received the 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) Map from the State Fire Marshal, identifying designated zones within the city's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the 2025 FHSZ Maps on a state-wide and county-by-county basis is available on the public website of the State Fire Marshal at <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones> ; and

WHEREAS, the specific map for the City of Sonora is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the city finds that adoption of the map is in the interest of public safety, supports fire prevention and mitigation efforts, and ensures compliance with applicable state law; and

WHEREAS, the city has not reduced or altered the fire hazard severity designations established by the State Fire Marshal, and this adoption is consistent with the model ordinance requirements by the State Fire Marshal.

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

SECTION 1. ADOPTION of 2025 FHSZ Maps. The 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for the City of Sonora, recommended by the California State Fire Marshal for the City's service area, is adopted without change and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

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.

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 June 2, 2025, and passed and adopted as Ordinance No. 906 at a regular meeting of the City Council held on June 16, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Segerstrom, Merrill, Levine, Plummer

NOES: _____

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: Opie

Ann E. Segerstrom
Ann Segerstrom, Mayor, City of Sonora

ATTEST: Tracy L. Skelly
Tracy Skelly, City Clerk, City of Sonora

Approved as to Form:
John White
For Douglas L. White, City Attorney

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