



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: October 6, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Douglas L. White, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Waive First Reading, Read by Title Only, and Introduce Ordinance 910 of the Sonora City Council 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

RECOMMENDATION

Waive First Reading, Read by Title Only, and Introduce Ordinance No. 910 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.

BACKGROUND

During the City of Sonora ("City") Council meeting on June 16, 2025, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 906, which adopted the 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for the City recommended by the California State Fire Marshal. However, Ordinance No. 906 did not update the section of the Sonora Municipal Code that addresses fire hazard severity zones. As currently written, section 8.40.010, Fire Hazard Severity Zones, of the Sonora Municipal Code references a map dated September 2, 2008.

DISCUSSION

Section 8.40.010, Fire Hazard Severity Zones, of the Sonora Municipal Code designates a very high fire severity zone as designated on a map dated September 2, 2008. Ordinance No. 906 adopted a new fire hazard severity zone map for 2025, and section 8.40.010 should be updated to reflect the current map. The proposed Ordinance amends section 8.40.010 of the Sonora Municipal Code to reflect the 2025 fire hazard severity zone map.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the proposed Ordinance. The 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map was already adopted by Ordinance No. 906, and the proposed Ordinance aligns section 8.40.010 of the Sonora Municipal Code with the current map.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance No. 910
2. Ordinance No. 906

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness.