

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEATLAND DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF WHEATLAND

The City Council of the City of Wheatland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Authority. The purpose of this ordinance is to designate fire hazard severity zones within the City of Wheatland. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to California Government Code Section 51179, Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution, and other applicable laws.

Section 2. Findings. The City Council hereby finds and declares:

- A. California Government Code Section 51178 provides that the State Fire Marshall shall identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones.
- B. The State Fire Marshall has provided to the City recommended fire hazard severity zones within the City's jurisdiction.
- C. California Government Code Section 51179 provides that a local agency shall, by ordinance, designate moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones within its jurisdiction.
- D. The City Council has reviewed the City of Wheatland Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map, dated January 22, 2025 (the "Severity Zone Map"), as recommended by the State Fire Marshal and which is hereby incorporated by reference and attached to this Ordinance as **Exhibit 'A'**.
- E. The Severity Zone Map delineates the specific boundaries and classifications of fire hazard severity zones within the City limits. These zones classify areas within the City based on varying degrees of fire hazard severity that take into consideration factors such as vegetation, topography, weather patterns, and historical fire data.
- F. The City of Wheatland hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.
- G. The Severity Zone Map is also located electronically on the City's website at: <https://www.wheatland.ca.gov>.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section or provision of this ordinance or the imposition of such section or provision to any person, firm, organization, corporation or circumstance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

Section 5. Posting.

Within 15 days from the date of passage of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall post a copy of it in at least three public places in the City.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Wheatland City Council, held on the 24th of February, 2026, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 24th of March, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing ordinance is hereby approved.

Robert Coe, Mayor
City of Wheatland

ATTEST:

Josie Camacho, City Clerk
City of Wheatland

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gavin Ralphs, Deputy City Attorney
City of Wheatland

Exhibit 'A'

**City of Wheatland
Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map**

