

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, TO DESIGNATE FIRE
HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES.

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 51178 establishes the responsibility of the State Fire Marshal to identify areas within the state as Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, based on consistent statewide criteria and the severity of fire hazards expected to prevail in those areas; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 51175 requires California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to evaluate fire hazard severity within Local Responsibility Areas and to identify where the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones exist; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 63 (2021) expanded the State Fire Marshal's evaluation requirements to include Moderate and High Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the Local Responsibility Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps have been updated to more accurately reflect the zones in California that are susceptible to wildfire, utilizing the Fire Hazard Severity Zone model established by the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.5, the City of Moreno Valley made the updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones map available for public review and comment within thirty (30) days of its receipt on March 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 51179(a), the City is required to adopt the updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones map by ordinance within one hundred twenty (120) days of its receipt on March 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as required by CAL FIRE pursuant to Government Code Section 51178; and

WHEREAS, the Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones map, as updated by CAL FIRE and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, is hereby incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map will be located electronically on the City's website at www.moval.org.

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

SECTION 1. RECITALS

That the above Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 8.36.050(A)

Section 8.36.050(A) of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code, titled “Requirements for wildland–urban interface areas,” is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety with the following:

§ 8.36.050 Requirements for wildland–urban interface areas

A. Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map. In accordance with Government Code Sections 51175 through 51189, the Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones designated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as shown on the Fire Hazard Severity Zones map dated March 24, 2025, and retained on file at the office of the Fire Chief, are hereby adopted by reference. This map supersedes any previously adopted Fire Hazard Severity Zones or related maps within the jurisdiction of the City of Moreno Valley.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED

Any provision of the Moreno Valley Municipal Code, or any ordinances or resolutions, that conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

That this ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its second reading and adoption by the City Council.

SECTION 5. CERTIFICATION

That the City Clerk shall certify the passage of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council on June 3, 2025, and PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council on June 17, 2025, by the following vote:

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of June, 2025.

Ulises Cabrera
Mayor

City of Moreno Valley

ATTEST:

M. Patricia Rodriguez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintanilla, City Attorney

ORDINANCE JURAT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.

CITY OF MORENO VALLEY)

I, M. Patricia Rodriguez, City Clerk of the City of Moreno Valley, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. YYYY-____ was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley at a regular meeting thereof held on the ____ day of____, YYYY, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

(Council Members, Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor)

M. PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ, ACTING CITY CLERK

(SEAL)