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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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I, Toni J. Taber, City Clerk & Ex-Officio Clerk of the Council of and for the City of San Jose, in said County of Santa Clara, and State of California, do hereby certify that **"Ordinance No. 31213"**, the original copy of which is attached hereto, was passed for publication of title on the **10th day of June, 2025**, was published in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of San Jose, and was given final reading and adopted on the **17th day of June, 2025**, by the following vote:

AYES: CASEY, COHEN, DOAN, FOLEY, KAMEI,
MAHAN, MULCAHY, ORTIZ, SALAS.

NOES: CAMPOS.

ABSENT: CANDELAS.

DISQUALIFIED: NONE.

Said Ordinance is effective as of the **18th day of July, 2025**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of San Jose, this **17th day of June, 2025**.

/YJ/

(SEAL)

TONI J. TABER, MMC
CITY CLERK & EX-OFFICIO
CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 31213

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AMENDING
SECTION 17.12.875 OF CHAPTER 17.12 OF TITLE 17 OF
THE SAN JOSE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE
UPDATED FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAPS AS
ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE) STATE
FIRE MARSHAL, AS MANDATED BY SENATE BILL 63
(2021)**

WHEREAS, the City of San José ("City") seeks to protect life and property from wildfire hazards; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 51175 through 51189 provide for the classification of lands as fire hazard severity zones by the State Fire Marshal and the adoption of such classifications by local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 51179(a) requires local agencies to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 51178; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Sections 4201 through 4204 establish provisions for the classification and mapping of fire hazard severity zones; and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 1280 governs the mapping and designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Areas; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 51179(b) authorizes local agencies to include areas within their jurisdiction not identified as very high fire hazard severity zones by the

State Fire Marshal as very high fire hazard severity zones following a finding supported by substantial evidence that such designation is necessary for effective fire protection; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 51178.5 requires that Fire Hazard Severity Zone information be made available for public review; and

WHEREAS, the City previously adopted Section 17.12.875 of the San José Municipal Code amending Section 4902 of the California Fire Code to define Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Areas within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to update this definition to ensure compliance with current state regulations and fire codes;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE:

Section 17.12.875 of Chapter 17.12 of Title 17 of the San José Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.12.875 Amendment of Section 4902 of the 2022 California Fire Code.

Subsection 4902 is amended to read as follows:

WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE FIRE AREA. A geographical area identified by the State Fire Marshal as a "Fire Hazard Severity Zone" in accordance with the Public Resources Code, Sections 4201 through 4204, and Government Code, Sections 51175 through 51189, or other areas designated by the City of San José as the enforcing agency to be at a significant risk from wildfires pursuant to Government Code Section 51179.

The Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area includes all moderate, high and very high fire hazard severity zones as designated by the State fire Marshal and adopted by the City of San José, as well as additional areas within the City of San José as set forth and delineated on the map entitled "San José Fire Department Wildland Urban Interface." This map, with all notations, references, data, and other information shown thereon, is hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter. The map is available for public review at the San José Fire Department and is posted as required by Government Code Section 51179(g).

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION of title this 10th day of June, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CANDELAS, CASEY, COHEN, DOAN, KAMEI,
MULCAHY, ORTIZ, SALAS, FOLEY, MAHAN.

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

DISQUALIFIED: NONE.

ATTEST:



TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk



MATT MAHAN
Mayor