

ORDINANCE NO. 1224

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51178

WHEREAS, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), pursuant to Government Code Section 51178, has developed updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps for areas within Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs); and

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 51175 through 51189 require local jurisdictions to adopt the FHSZ maps by ordinance, and to enforce the building standards for new structures in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones as established in the California Building Code and California Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the FHSZ map will help the City reduce the risk of wildfire through updated planning and building standards and enable better protection of life, property, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella desires to adopt the FHSZ map as recommended by CAL FIRE to comply with state law and to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Designation of Fire Hazard Severity Zones

The City of Coachella hereby adopts and designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones within the City as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and presented in the map titled:

“City of Coachella Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map,”

as maintained and published by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

This map is incorporated by reference and shall serve as the official FHSZ designation within the Local Responsibility Area for the City of Coachella.

SECTION 2: Availability of the Map

The official Fire Hazard Severity Zones map is available for public review:

- In the Office of the City Clerk, City of Coachella, located at 53990 Enterprise Way, Coachella, CA 92236; and
- Electronically on the City’s official website at:
<https://www.coachella.org/departments/fire-department/fire-hazard-severity-zones>

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage and within fifteen (15) days after its passage the City Clerk shall cause a summary to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Coachella, in a manner prescribed by law for publishing of ordinances of said City.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 28th day of May 2025.

Steven A. Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BEST, BEST & KRIEGER

City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF COACHELLA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance No. 1224 was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the 14th day of May 2025, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 28th day of May 2025.

AYES: Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, and Mayor Pro Tem Delgado

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Hernandez

ABSTAIN: None

Delia Granados
Deputy City Clerk