

ORDINANCE NO. 1882 N.C. (2d)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO ADDING CHAPTER 7.57 OF THE VALLEJO MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING THE 2025 FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 51175 through 51179 direct the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to classify lands within Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) into Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ); and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2025, CAL FIRE released updated FHSZ maps for Local Responsibility Areas, including areas within the City of Vallejo; and

WHEREAS, information regarding the 2025 FHSZ Maps on a state-wide and county-by-county basis is available on the public website of the State Fire Marshal at: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones>; and

WHEREAS, the updated maps reflect more accurate data concerning vegetation, topography, weather, and fire history, and are intended to guide local land use planning and building standards to reduce wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 51179 requires that local agencies adopt these updated maps by ordinance to ensure consistency with state fire safety laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vallejo has made the proposed FHSZ Map available for public review on the City's website, and held a public hearing on June 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the Vallejo Municipal Code to reflect the most recent FHSZ designations and enforce applicable wildfire mitigation requirements.

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

SECTION 1.

The City Council finds and declares that:

- This ordinance complies with the requirements of Government Code Sections 51177 through 51179.
- The ordinance supports the City's efforts to mitigate wildfire risk and protect public health and safety.

- Adoption of the ordinance is exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), as it will not have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 2.

Fire Hazard Severity Zones

(a) The City of Vallejo hereby adopts by reference the updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps for Local Responsibility Areas, as issued by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) on February 24, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.

(b) Properties located within areas designated as Moderate, High, or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones shall comply with all applicable fire safety provisions, including:

- California Building Code Chapter 7A (Building Standards in Wildland-Urban Interface Areas),
- Public Resources Code Section 4291 (defensible space requirements),
- Local vegetation management, fire prevention, and enforcement measures.

(c) The adopted maps shall be maintained on file with the City Clerk, made available to the public on the City website, and used to inform building permit reviews, code enforcement, and community outreach.

SECTION 3.

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 5.

The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published and/or posted as required by law.

First read at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Vallejo held on the 24th day of June, 2025 and finally adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Vallejo on the 8th day of July, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Sorce, Vice Mayor Bregenzer, Councilmembers Gordon, Lediju, Matias, Matulac, and Palmares
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

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ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

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