

**CITY OF LOMA LINDA
PUBLIC NOTICE**

TITLE/SUMMARY

ORDINANCE 785

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES SECTION IN CHAPTER 32 OF TITLE 15 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE LOMA LINDA MUNICIPAL CODE

Summary: The Ordinance would amend Chapter 32, Title 15, in part, to implement the updated California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Local Responsibility Area (LRA) maps for Loma Linda. These maps identify varying levels of fire hazards (Moderate, High, and Very High) based on factors including vegetation, topography, weather, crown fire potential, and ember production and movement. State law requires local jurisdictions to formally adopt these maps by ordinance to ensure proper implementation of associated building standards and fire safety requirements in identified hazard zones.

ORDINANCE HISTORY

The Ordinance was introduced for the first reading at a regular City Council meeting on May 13, 2025, with the following vote:

Ayes:	Dailey, Dupper, Popescu, Rigsby, Spencer-Hwang
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

The Ordinance was read a second time at a regular meeting thereof held on June 10, 2025, and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:	Dailey, Dupper, Popescu, Rigsby, Spencer-Hwang
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Pursuant to Government Code 51179 (g), I, Lynette Arreola, City Clerk of the City of Loma Linda, California, do hereby certify that this Ordinance notice has been posted at the County offices identified as required by the code.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is also available on the City Council page of the City website: www.lomalinda-ca.gov and in the City Clerk's Office, Loma Linda City Hall, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA. Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 7:00am – 5:30pm, 909-799-2819.

Date: June 18, 2025

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WHEREAS, The Legislature has declared in Government Code Section 51175(a): “Wildfires are extremely costly, not only to property owners and residents, but also to local agencies. Wildfires pose a serious threat to the preservation of the public peace, health, or safety. The wildfire front is not the only source of risk since embers, or firebrands, travel far beyond the area impacted by the front and pose a risk of ignition to a structure or fuel on a site for a longer time. Since fires ignore civil boundaries, it is necessary that cities, counties, special districts, state agencies, and federal agencies work together to bring raging fires under control. Preventative measures are needed to ensure the preservation of the public peace, health and safety.”

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Government Code Section 51179(a), the City is required to designate, by ordinance, Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (“FHSZ”s”) in its jurisdiction, within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.

WHEREAS, In March 2025, the State Fire Marshal updated and established Moderate, High, and Very High FHSZs for the County of San Bernardino, California, including the City of Loma Linda, and published a map showing those zones (“Loma Linda Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map”) attached hereto as Exhibit A.

WHEREAS, The Loma Linda Fire Department has reviewed the Loma Linda Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map and believes it accurately represents the Moderate, High, and Very High FHSZs in the City.

WHEREAS, Certain parcels have more than one FHSZ designation;

WHEREAS, A parcel with more than one FHSZ designation presents challenges for efficient and comprehensive implementation of effective fire protection in the City;

WHEREAS, In order to conduct effective fire protection within the City, it is necessary to administer parcels with more than one FHSZ as the highest FHSZ on that parcel;

WHEREAS, Any modifications made to the FHSZ’s determined by the State Fire Marshal are being made in accordance with the California Government Code, ensuring that FHSZs were not downgraded;

WHEREAS, On or about March 24, 2025, information concerning the State Fire Marshal’s recommendation for the designation of fire severity zones was made available for public review.

WHEREAS, All legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMA LINDA DOES HEREBY FIND AND ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The facts set forth in the Recitals, Part A, of this Ordinance, are true and correct.

SECTION 2. Adoption of Fire Severity Zone Map. Pursuant to Government Code Section 51179(a), the City Council hereby adopts the fire hazard severity zones as recommended by the State Fire Marshal, adopts such map entitled “City of Loma Linda Fire Hazard Severity Zones” map attached hereto as Exhibit A , and finds that in order to effectively administer fire protection within the area it is necessary that when a parcel has more than one FHSZ on a single parcel the highest FHSZ on that property shall be administered for the entire parcel. The City of Loma Linda Fire Hazard Severity Zones map shall be on file in the Office of the City Clerk and shall be available upon request.

SECTION 3. Municipal Code Amendment. The City Council hereby amends Chapter 15.32 of Title 15 of the Loma Linda Municipal Code by adding Section 15.32.050 to read as follows:

15.32.050 Fire Hazard Severity Zones

A. Designation. The fire hazard severity zones as recommended by the State Fire Marshal, pursuant to Government Code Section 51179(a), are adopted by the City Council as depicted in Exhibit A in the map entitled “City of Loma Linda Fire Hazard Severity Zones.”

B. Multiple Designation. In the event that a single parcel has more than one fire hazard severity zone associated with such parcel on the City of Loma Linda Fire Hazard Severity Zones map, the more strict designation shall apply to the entire parcel. In order to effectively administer fire protection within the area it is necessary what when a parcel has more than one FHSZ, the highest FHSZ on that property shall be administered and enforced for the entire parcel.

C. Designation may not be decreased. Pursuant to Government Code Section 51179(b)(3), no fire hazard severity zone identified by the State Fire Marshal for an area within the City may be decreased to a lesser fire hazard severity zone.

D. Previous designations superseded. Any and all provisions in any previously adopted City ordinances designating Fire Severity Zones within the City of Loma Linda’s jurisdiction, are superseded by the provisions of this Ordinance.

E. Enforcement. The City Manager or his or her designee shall enforce and shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of the Government Code and all other codes and regulations affected by designation of fire hazard severity zones.

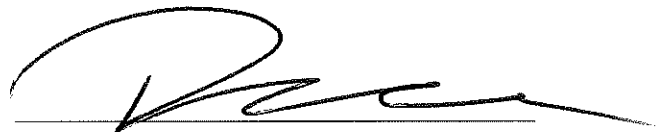
SECTION 4. CEQA. City staff have evaluated the proposed Ordinance and determined that it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15303, and 15308 on the grounds that it can be seen with certainty that the Ordinance will not have a significant effect on the environment. To the extent this is a project under CEQA, it is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, phrases or portions thereof might be declare invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be posted within fifteen (15) days from its passage pursuant to Government Code Section 36933.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective a minimum of thirty (30) days after passage.

The Ordinance was introduced on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council held on 13th of May, 2025, and was adopted at the second reading of the City Council held on the 10th day of June, 2025 by the attached certified vote:


Phillip Dupper, Mayor

Attest:

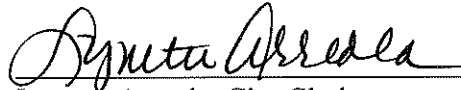

Lynette Arreola, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Lynette Arreola, City Clerk of the City of Loma Linda, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 785 was duly adopted by the City Council at a meeting thereof held on the 10th day of June 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Dailey, Dupper, Popescu, Rigsby, Spencer-Hwang
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereto set my hand or affixed the Seal of the City of Loma Linda this 10th day of June 2025.



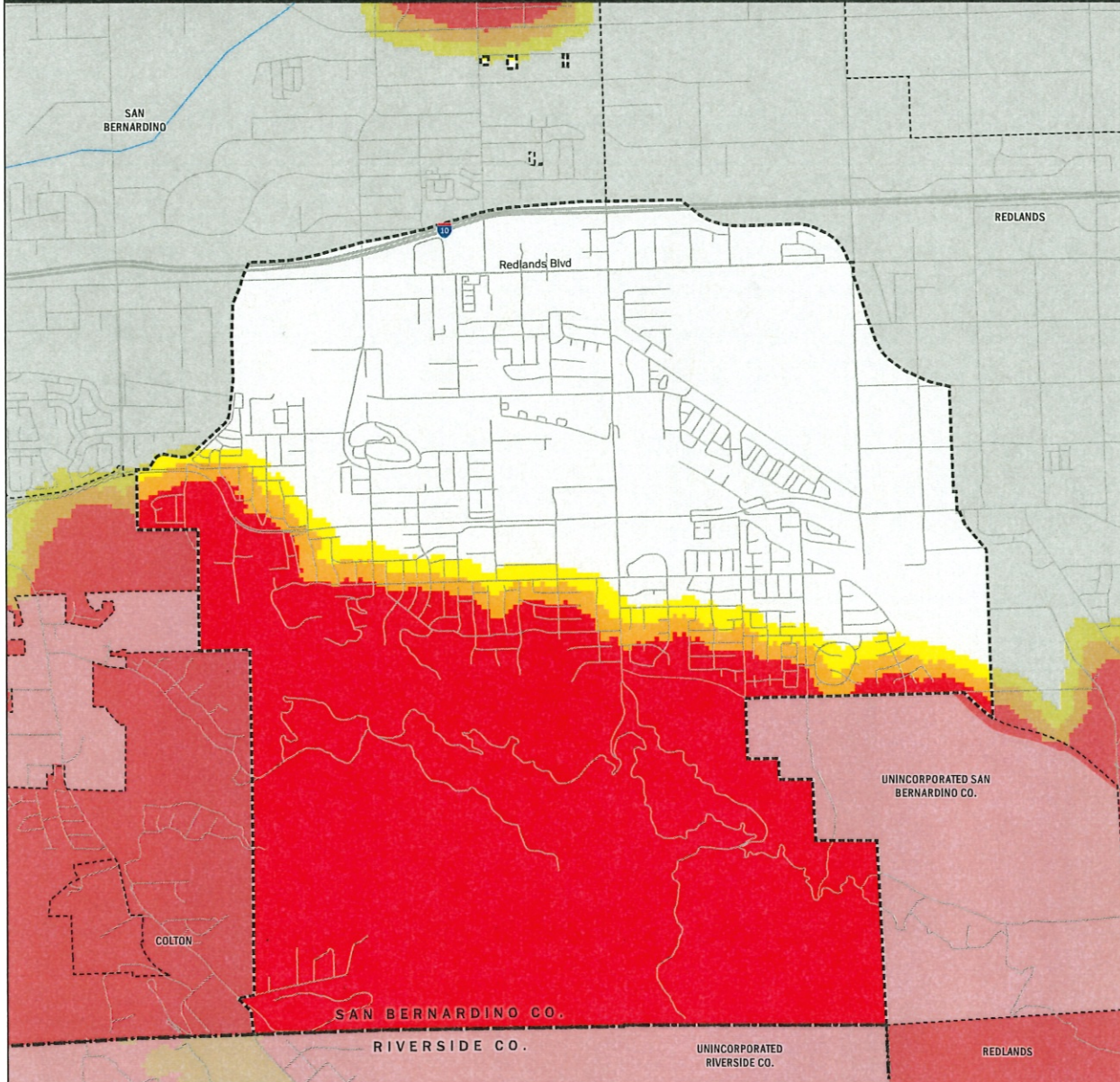
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City of Loma Linda



Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal

March 24, 2025



Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal

Very High High Moderate

Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA), Effective April 1, 2024

Very High High



Projection: NAD 83 California Teale Albers
Scale: 1:28,000 at 11" x 17"

Incorporated City

Unzoned LRA

Government Code section 51178 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

The State of California and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. Neither the State nor the Department shall be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any claim by any user or third party on account of, or arising from, the use of data or maps.

Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency
Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Data Sources:
CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZSRA23_3, FHSZLRA_25_4)
CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA25_4)
City and County boundaries as of 10/22/24 (CA Board of Equalization)