

1 WHEREAS, by reducing or removing sources of combustion in a building, a higher
2 order of safety is achieved with no burning flames, no piping containing fossil- fuels, and zero
3 leakage of gaseous fuels released into the building or supply lines; and

4 WHEREAS, The City of Riverside Public Utilities Department has sufficient capacity
5 from electrical grid sources to support Building Electrification and other goals incorporating
6 electrical energy, power from the Department is available, reliable, and increasingly cleaner.

7 The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

8 Section 1: Chapter 16.26 of the Riverside Municipal Code, entitled “Electrification of
9 New Buildings” is hereby added as shown in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by
10 reference.

11 Section 2: The City hereby finds that this ordinance is not subject to review under the
12 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060,
13 subdivision (c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical
14 change in the environment) and 15061, subdivision (b)(3) (there is no possibility the activity in
15 question may have a significant effect on the environment). In addition to the foregoing general
16 exemptions, the City Council further finds that this ordinance is categorically exempt from review
17 under CEQA under the Class 8 Categorical Exemption (regulatory activity to assure the protection of
18 the environment), CEQA Guidelines section 15308.

19 Section 3: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause
20 publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter
21 of the City of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its
22 adoption.

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1 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

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5 Attest:

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DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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9 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
10 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the
11 _____ day of _____, 2022, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and
12 regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2022,
13 by the following vote, to wit:

14 Ayes:

15 Noes:

16 Absent:

17 Abstain:

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19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
20 City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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Donesia Gause
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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