

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING
CHAPTER 16.32.365 REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF FIRE
HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES.

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

Section 1: Section 16.32.365 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

**“Section 16.32.365 Section 4904.3.1.1 added – Designation of ~~Very High~~ Fire Hazard
Severity Zones. ~~(VHFHS)~~.**

Section 4906 is amended by adding Section 4904.3.1.1 to read as follows:

The City of Riverside hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.

The designation, locations, and boundaries of the ~~VHFHS~~ Fire Hazard Severity Zones in the City of
Riverside are designated on the map labeled “Moderate,” “High,” and “Very High” Fire Hazard
Severity Zones”, located in General Plan 2025, Public Safety Element, and can be accessed on the
CALFIRE interactive Fire Hazard Severity Zone Viewer at <https://egis.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ/>
[https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-
severity-zones.”](https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones.”)

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

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

1 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

5 Attest:

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DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

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Ayes:

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Noes:

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Absent:

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Abstain:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside