

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1458

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD
SEVERITY ZONES PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 51179**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 51178, the State Fire Marshal shall 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 51179, the City of Perris (the "City") is required to designate, by Ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 51178. The city has received an updated map of recommended Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Services Zones as identified by the State Fire Marshal, which is dated March 24, 2025 ("Map"); and

WHEREAS, the city has made the map available to the public for review and comment in accordance with Government Code Section 51178.5; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 51179, the city now intends to designate, by Ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction as recommended by the State Fire Marshal in the map pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. CEQA. This Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where, as here, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question would have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Section 3. Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The city 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 map, approved by the city, is hereby incorporated by reference, and entitled "City of Perris Fire Hazard Severity Zones." The official map is also located electronically on the following website: <https://www.cityofperris.org/departments/development-services/fire-marshal/fire-hazard-severity-map-local-responsibility-area-lra>.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the 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, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portions thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption. Within thirty (30) days of adoption, the City Manager or designee shall transmit a copy of this Ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Protection. The City Manager or designee shall post a notice of at the office of the county recorder, county assessor, and county planning agency identifying the location of the map.

Section 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be posted and codified in the manner required by law.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED this 10th day of June, 2025.

Michael M. Vargas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Salazar, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Nancy Salazar, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance Number 1457 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Perris at the regular meeting held on the 27th day of May 2025 and was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting held the 10th day of June 2025, by the following called vote:

AYES: VALLEJO, NAVA, CORONA, RABB, VARGAS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

City Clerk, Nancy Salazar

