



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

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Date: October 25, 2022

Subject: Consideration of annual reporting of completed State mandated fire and life safety inspections by the City of Lake Elsinore in compliance with SB 1205 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Recommendation

adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A REPORT MADE BY THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE INSPECTION OF CERTAIN OCCUPANCIES REQUIRING ANNUAL INSPECTIONS IN SUCH OCCUPANCIES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13145, 13146 and 17921 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

Background

On September 27, 2018, SB 1205 became effective, and added a new section to the California Health and Safety Code which affects every fire department or fire district in the State. Existing state law requires every fire department or district providing fire protection services to inspect every building used as a public or private school annually. This same annual inspection requirement is applicable to hotels, motels, lodging houses, and apartment houses. This bill also requires every fire department or district to annually report to its administering authority their compliance with the annual inspection requirements of the California Health and Safety Code. The bill also requires the administering authority to formally acknowledge receipt of the compliance report in a resolution or a similar formal document.

Discussion

The responsibility for conducting the required inspections falls to the Fire Division as directed by the Assistant Fire Marshal. In conducting these inspections, Fire Division staff review compliance with such items as fire sprinkler and fire alarm maintenance, safe exiting, fire extinguisher maintenance, conducting fire drills, and safe storage of combustibles.

In review of all completed inspections, the Assistant Fire Marshal has determined that all required inspections have been completed for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Adoption of the recommended resolution and transmittal appropriate State Agency will meet the City's obligation under SB 1205.

Environmental Determination

The proposed amendments to the Lake Elsinore Municipal Code are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Publ. Res. Code §§21000 et seq. "CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines (14. Cal. Code Regs §§15000 et seq.), specifically pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, because there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment, and because it is not a "project" as that term is defined in Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this action and all costs of the inspection processes are included in the adopted fee resolution.

Exhibits

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