



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Subject: Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, setting forth findings for amendments to the 2019 California Fire Code

Recommendation

adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING FORTH FINDINGS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

Background

On November 12, 2019, the City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2019-1419 of the City of Lake Elsinore adopting the 2019 California Building Standards Code, including the California Fire Code. On December 10, 2019, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2019-1419 adopting the 2019 California Building Codes, including the 2019 California Fire Code, with local amendments.

In connection with the introduction of Ordinance No. 2019-1419, the City Council also approved a resolution setting forth findings for amendments to the 2019 California Building Code, California Residential Code and California Green Building Standards Code based on local climatic and geographic conditions. However, that resolution inadvertently omitted findings supporting amendments contained in Ordinance No. 2019-1419 to the California Fire Code based on local conditions.

Discussion

The Fire Department and the Division of Building & Safety advise that certain changes and modifications to the 2019 California Fire Code contained within Ordinance No. 2019-1419 approved on December 10, 2019, are reasonably necessary due to local climatic, geological and/or topographical conditions in the City of Lake Elsinore.

Health and Safety Code Section 17958.7 requires, in part, that the City Council make an express finding that such changes or modifications to uniform codes are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological and/or topographical conditions. In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 17958.7, the attached Resolution identifies the local climatic,

geological and topographical conditions that necessitate changes to the California Fire Code and makes express findings that the changes or modifications to the 2019 California Fire Code are reasonably necessary because of such conditions.

Environmental Determination

The proposed Resolution is 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 subsequent building and fire plan check processes and related inspection processes are paid by those seeking a permit. Furthermore, the existing fee schedule will be retained.

Exhibits

- A. Resolution