

Appendix H

MODEL ORDINANCE FOR VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance of the city (or county or district) of _____ requiring the fire chief to designate very high fire hazard severity zones and the building official to enforce the requirements of Section 3203, Title 24 California Code of Regulations.

THE _____ COUNCIL OF THE _____ DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Fire Chief is hereby authorized to designate Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Section 2: The Fire Chief may designate areas not identified as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection following a finding supported by substantial evidence in the record that the requirements for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones are necessary for effective fire protections within the area(s).

Section 3: The Fire Chief may decline to designate areas identified by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones following a finding supported by substantial evidence in the record that the requirements for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones are not necessary for effective fire protection within the area(s).

Section 4: The Building Official shall enforce the provisions of Section 3203, Title 24 California Code of Regulations, in all Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones designated by the Fire Chief (Section 4 may be deleted if more stringent requirements prevail).

On the motion of Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____. The role call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 19____.

(mayor or lead council member)

Attest: _____
(city clerk)