

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 33 OF PART VII OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF TULARE COUNTY, PERTAINING TO FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 33 (“Fire Hazard Severity Zones”) is hereby added to Part VII (“Land Use Regulation and Planning”) of the Tulare County Ordinance Code to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 33. FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES**

**§ 7-33-1000. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Chapter is to comply with Section 51179, subdivision (a) of the Government Code, which requires local agencies to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones. This Chapter applies to all of the lands of the County of Tulare where the financial or regulatory responsibility of preventing and suppressing wildfires is that of the County of Tulare, including by agreement, and not that of a city, a Fire Protection District pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 13800 et seq. (Fire Protection District Law of 1987) or other similar special district, or the state or federal government pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) section 4125.

**§ 7-33-1010. DESIGNATION OF FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES:**

(a) The County of Tulare hereby designates the Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones in accordance with the map transmitted on March 10, 2025, by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the Tulare County unincorporated Local Responsibility Area pursuant to Section 51178 of the Government Code, including all amendments or revisions thereto.

(b) A map of the Fire Hazard Severity Zones established by this Section is hereby incorporated by reference and declared to be part of this chapter. This map shall be made available electronically on the County’s internet website, or another internet website maintained by the County.

**Section 2.** The foregoing ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of the passage hereof, and prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the passage hereof shall be published once in the *Sun-Gazette*, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Tulare, State of California, together with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare, State of California, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, at a regular meeting of said Board duly and regularly convened on said day by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

COUNTY OF TULARE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
County Administrative Officer/  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form:  
County Counsel

By /s/ Ross Miller  
Deputy  
Matter # 20241865

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