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Fire Protection Districts

Board of Directors Meeting

- Consider Adopting Fire Code 2025
- Consider Adopting an Ordinance of Local Revisions to Fire Code 2025

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County Administrator's Office

Interim Chief Abruzzini, Montezuma, Suisun and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts



Fire Protection Districts – Introduction of Fire Code 2025

The six fire districts within Solano County are all recommending approval of Fire Code 2025 (State Code), which is effective January 1, 2026.

At this time, the Board of Directors is being asked to adopt the code for:

- Montezuma Fire Protection District
- Suisun Fire Protection District
- Vacaville Fire Protection District



Fire Protection Districts – Introduction of Ordinance

- The Board of Directors may adopt local revisions to the code that are equal to or more restrictive than those adopted by the State if it makes specific legal findings to support such changes
 - Beginning in 2013, the Districts approved local revisions and ratified a consensus ordinance including all districts within the county
 - These adopted amendments:
 - Closed identified gaps in the base code
 - Provided clearer enforcement authority
 - Ensured consistency with Solano County standards and District operational practices
- The proposed ordinance includes the Fire Code 2025 and carries forward these local revisions (amendments)



Fire Protection Districts – Local Revisions (Amendments)

- Hazardous materials and CUPA jurisdiction
- All-weather road base surface load requirements
- Structure requirements for substantial remodels
- New electric security gate requirements:
 - Battery backup for 12 hours
 - Gates automatically open upon loss of primary and backup power
 - Ensures first responder access in emergencies
- New address identification requirements:
 - Commercial building shall now have illuminated 8-inch-tall address numbers (*previous requirement was 4 inches*)
 - Improves visibility for first responders
- Revised fire sprinkler requirements:
 - New requirements revert to less restrictive, project-specific requirements of the 2025 California Building & Fire Codes



Recommendation

- 1) Introduce Fire Code 2025 for the Montezuma, Suisun and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts;
- 2) Read the proposed ordinance by title only and waive further reading by a majority vote; and
- 3) Introduce the proposed ordinance amending the Montezuma, Suisun and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts Fire Code 2025 to adopt local amendments.