

Local Fire Code (considered for ratification)

Chapter	State Fire Code	Local Ordinance	Result of Ratification
Chapter 1, Administration	Section 105.6 Establishes required construction permits for certain types of work such as fire sprinklers, cryogenic fluids, hazardous materials, smoke control systems, etc.	The local ordinance adds section 105.7 to clarify roles and responsibilities for Hazardous Materials-CUPA (Certified Unified Program Agency) jurisdiction. The ordinance also prevents duplicate permitting while maintaining fire and life safety oversight consistent with the California Fire Code.	No impact. Provides clarity to existing roles, responsibilities and requirements.
Chapter 1, Administration	Section 108 Establishes fees for certain services such as, plan review, inspections and permits and will allow the local jurisdiction to establish their fees.	Each district has been determining these fees. Sections 108.4 and 108.7 were added to the local ordinance to be in line with State law.	No impact. The Fire District Boards continue to establish their own fees for these services.
Chapter 1, Administration	Section 113.4 Establishes violation penalties for every person who violates any provision of the California Fire Code and International Fire Code. This section allows each jurisdiction to establish the amount of the penalty.	The districts have agreed to establish the fine at \$1,000 for violation of the local ordinance.	This section will help to prevent unlawful construction or to prevent illegal occupancy.
Chapter 2, Definitions	This definition for "All-weather surface" is not in the State Fire Code.	This is added to our local ordinance for clarity: All-weather surface. A finished surface with hard packed road base (AB) asphalt, concrete, or road pavers capable of supporting an imposed vehicle load of 75,000 lbs.	No impact. Provides clarity and additional information to 2025 California Fire Code Section 503.2.3
Chapter 2, Definitions	This definition for "Substantial Remodel" is not in the State Fire Code.	This is added to our local ordinance for clarity: Substantial remodel shall mean the alteration of any structure which combined with any additions to the structure, performed within any three (3) year period, affects a floor area which exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the existing floor area of the structure. When any changes are made in the building, such as walls, columns, beams or girders, floor or ceiling joists components, the floor area of all rooms affected by such changes shall be included in computing floor areas for purposes of applying this definition. This definition does not apply to the replacement and upgrading of residential roof coverings or exterior wall finishes.	This definition helps clarify to property owners when the entire Fire Code applies to projects and reverts back to less restrictive, project-specific requirements for determining fire sprinkler requirements.
Chapter 5, Fire Services Features	Section 503.6 Establishes general requirements for security gates to ensure access in emergencies.	The local ordinance amends section 503.6 to require that electric security gates will open upon loss of power (fail open), have battery backup power, and ensure safe ingress and egress from the site.	This ensures occupants can exit freely and emergency responders can enter quickly, even during power outages, fires, or control system failures.
Chapter 5, Fire Services Features	Section 505.1 Establishes requirements for address identification in new and existing buildings., including that all characters are at least 4 inches high.	The local ordinance amends section 505.1 to require that commercial buildings shall have 8 inch high, illuminated characters	This improves address visibility for first responders.
Chapter 56, Explosives and Fireworks	Section 5601.1.3 prohibits possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling, and use of fireworks with several exceptions.	The local ordinance amends section 5601.1.3 to remove all exceptions because fireworks are not allowed in the County.	No impact.
Chapter 80, Reference Standards	This section establishes the reference standards for the State Fire Code.	A few sections were updated to reflect the 2025 California Fire Code.	No Impact