



# STAFF REPORT

DATE: 10/20/2025  
TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners  
FROM: Planning and Development Department

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**2025-408**

**APPLICATION REQUEST:**

**GPA2025-0002:** General Plan Amendment to update the Wildfire Hazard Severity Zone map in the Public Safety Element to be consistent with the fire hazard severity zones map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. (Applicant: City of Corona Fire Department)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Planning and Housing Commission recommend APPROVAL of GPA2025-0002 to the City Council based on the findings contained in the staff report, find the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), and adopt Resolution No. 2674 granting GPA2025-0002 as part of Cycle 3 of General Plan Amendments for 2025.

**BACKGROUND**

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responsible for identifying Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) throughout California. These zones are categorized as Moderate, High, or Very High based on consistent statewide criteria and the expected fire hazard levels in those areas, as required by Government Code 51178. The different severity zones are based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the OSFM as a major cause of wildfire spread.

**EXHIBIT 2**

### Local Implementation

Chapter 15.16 of the Corona Municipal Code (CMC) governs the City's regulations for FHSZs. This chapter was first adopted in 2010 in accordance with the requirements established by Assembly Bill 337, which was enacted by 1992.

On March 24, 2025, the OSFM released an updated FHSZ map for the City of Corona (Exhibit 2). This map identifies the Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) within Corona – areas for which the City is primarily responsible for providing wildfire protection. The LRAs are divided into three categories: Moderate, High, or Very High. According to [CAL FIRE](#), the updated map incorporates new scientific data, including member spread patterns and localized climate information, providing a more accurate representation of the areas within the City that are susceptible to wildfire. In addition, the updated map includes designations for Moderate and High zones within the City whereas the previous version only included the designation for Very High.

Government Code Section 51179 requires local jurisdictions such as the City of Corona to designate, by ordinance, the moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones within 120 days of receiving the updated FHSZ map from the OSFM. On May 14, 2025, the Corona Fire Department held a community meeting on the updated FHSZ map for the city. On June 4, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3418, amending Chapter 15.16 of the CMC to adopt the updated FHSZ map issued by the OSFM. The updated map went into effect July 4, 2025. The ordinance is attached as Exhibit 3.

### General Plan

The City's 2020-2040 General Plan was adopted by the City Council on June 3, 2020. The General Plan includes a Public Safety Element, which contains the FHSZ map under Figure PS-11. The version currently in the General Plan was in effect at the time of the General Plan's adoption and must be updated to reflect the version recently issued by the OSFM and adopted by the City Council.

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

GPA2025-0002 is an amendment to the General Plan to update the Wildfire Hazard Severity Zones map (Figure PS-11 of the General Plan) in the Public Safety Element. Exhibit 4 shows the existing map, and Exhibit 5 shows the updated map that will replace the existing map.

The updated map identifies the Moderate (yellow), High (orange), and Very High (red) fire hazard zones within the City's boundaries, as well as areas outside the boundaries located within the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI) areas, which include Coronita, Home Gardens, El Cerrito, Temescal Valley, Eagle Valley, and a few other smaller pockets of unincorporated land.

In addition, the updated map distinguishes among the different agencies that have primary responsibility for wildfire protection:

- Local Responsibility Areas – Local Agency (City of Corona)
- State Responsibility Areas – State of California
- Federal Responsibility Areas – Federal Government

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

This General Plan Amendment is exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, the “common sense” exemption. This exemption applies where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA2025-0002) qualifies, as it merely replaces the existing fire hazard severity zones map (Figure PS-11 of the Corona General Plan) with the updated map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal on March 24, 2025, and adopted by the Corona City Council on June 4, 2025.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of this General Plan Amendment will not have a financial impact.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENTS**

A 10-day public notice was advertised in the Sentinel Weekly News as required by California Government Code Section 65353. No public outreach in addition to the outreach that was done before the adoption of Ordinance 3418 is required. As of the preparation of this report, the Planning and Development Department has not received any correspondence from the public in response to the General Plan Amendment.

### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

To ensure consistency between local regulations (Chapter 15.16 of the CMC) and the City’s long-range planning documents, GPA2025-0002 updates Figure PS-11 in the Public Safety Element of the General Plan to incorporate the newly adopted FHSZ map. This amendment maintains alignment with state law, ensures the General Plan reflects the most current hazard mapping, and provides Corona Fire personnel as well as the community with clear and updated information on wildfire hazard areas. Therefore, this General Plan Amendment is recommended for approval by the Planning and Housing Commission.

### **FINDINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF GPA2025-0002**

1. GPA2025-0002 is exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, the “common sense” exemption. This exemption applies where it can be seen with certainty that there is

no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed project (GPA2025-0002) qualifies, as it merely replaces the existing fire hazard severity zones map in the Corona General Plan with the updated map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal on March 24, 2025, and adopted by Ordinance 3418 of the Corona City Council on June 4, 2025.

2. GPA2025-0002 is in the public interest and would not be detrimental to public health, safety and welfare, as it ensures the General Plan reflects the most current wildfire hazard data available from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. This amendment enhances public safety by improving the City's ability to plan for, prevent, and respond to wildfire hazards, thereby protecting residents, property, and natural resources.
3. GPA2025-0002 is internally consistent with the elements of the General Plan, including the goals and policies stated therein for the following reasons:
  - a. *The amendment is consistent with the purpose of the Public Safety Element of the General Plan, which is to protect the health and safety of the residents, businesses, institutions and visitors as well as property and natural resources from hazards. By incorporating the most current FHSZ map from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the updated map enhances the City's ability to plan for, prevent, and respond to wildfire hazards. This ensures that the General Plan continues to guide land use, development and emergency preparedness in a manner that promotes public safety and reduces the potential for loss or damage due to wildfire.*
  - b. *The amendment to the FHSZ map in the General Plan is consistent with General Plan Policy PS-8.9 to "continue to monitor and adhere to the latest changes in state legislation and guidelines with respect to fire planning, prevention, and suppression." The updated FHSZ map was issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in 2025 pursuant to Government Code Section 51179 and reflects the most current scientific data regarding wildfire risk. By incorporating the updated map into Figure PS-11 of the Public Safety Element, the City ensures that the General Plan remains aligned with current state legislation and guidance, thereby supporting proactive fire planning, prevention, and suppression efforts.*

**PREPARED BY:** SANDRA VANIAN, PLANNING MANAGER

**SUBMITTED BY:** JOANNE COLETTA, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Exhibits:

1. Resolution No. 2674
2. City of Corona, Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones, March 24, 2025
3. Ordinance No. 3418, adopted June 4, 2025
4. Existing General Plan Figure PS-11, Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map
5. Proposed General Plan Figure PS-11, Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map
6. Environmental documentation



**RESOLUTION NO. 2674**

**APPLICATION NUMBER: GPA2025-0002**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE WILDFIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY ELEMENT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES MAP ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AS PART OF CYCLE 3 FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS 2025. (APPLICANT: CITY OF CORONA FIRE DEPARTMENT)**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Housing Commission of the City of Corona initiated proceedings through General Plan Amendment 2025-0002 (GPA2025-0002) to consider updating the Wildfire Hazard Severity Zone map in the Public Safety Element to be consistent with the fire hazard severity zones map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Housing Commission held a noticed public hearing for GPA2025-0002 on October 20, 2025 as required by law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Housing Commission after close of the public hearing considered all of the evidence presented in its deliberations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Housing Commission, by the majority, approved GPA2025-0002 in accordance with the analysis and findings in the staff report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Housing Commission finds GPA2025-0002 as it relates to updating the Public Safety Element of the General Plan exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Section 3.06 of the City of Corona Local Guidelines for Implementing CEQA, which states that a project is exempted from CEQA when it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** CEQA Findings. As the decision-making body for this GPA2025-

**EXHIBIT 1**

0002 the Planning and Housing Commission finds GPA2025-0002 exempted from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the “common sense” exemption. This exemption applies where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA2025-0002) qualifies, as it merely replaces the existing fire hazard severity zones map (Figure PS-11 of the Corona General Plan) with the updated map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal on March 24, 2025, and adopted by the Corona City Council on June 4, 2025.

**SECTION 2. Findings.** GPA2025-0002 is internally consistent with the elements of the General Plan, including the goals and policies stated therein for the following reasons:

1. GPA2025-0002 is exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, the “common sense” exemption. This exemption applies where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed project (GPA2025-0002) qualifies, as it merely replaces the existing fire hazard severity zones map in the Corona General Plan with the updated map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal on March 24, 2025, and adopted by Ordinance No. 3418 of the Corona City Council on June 4, 2025.
2. GPA2025-0002 is in the public interest and would not be detrimental to public health, safety and welfare, as it ensures the General Plan reflects the most current wildfire hazard data available from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. This amendment enhances public safety by improving the City’s ability to plan for, prevent, and respond to wildfire hazards, thereby protecting residents, property, and natural resources.
3. GPA2025-0002 is internally consistent with the elements of the General Plan, including the goals and policies stated therein for the following reasons:
  - a. *The amendment is consistent with the purpose of the Public Safety Element of the General Plan, which is to protect the health and safety of the residents, businesses, institutions and visitors as well as property and natural resources from hazards. By incorporating the most current Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) map from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the updated map enhances the City’s ability to plan for, prevent, and respond to wildfire hazards. This ensures that the General Plan continues to guide land use, development and emergency preparedness in a manner that promotes public safety and reduces the potential for loss or damage due to wildfire.*
  - b. *The amendment to the FHSZ map in the General Plan is consistent with General Plan Policy PS-8.9 to “continue to monitor and adhere to the latest changes in state legislation and guidelines with respect to fire planning, prevention, and suppression.” The updated FHSZ map was issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in 2025 pursuant to Government Code Section 51179 and reflects the most current scientific data regarding wildfire risk. By incorporating the updated map into Figure PS-11 of the Public Safety Element, the City ensures that the General*

*Plan remains aligned with current state legislation and guidance, thereby supporting proactive fire planning, prevention, and suppression efforts.*

**THAT THE COMMISSION** passes and adopts Resolution No. 2674 approving the General Plan Amendment granted in accordance with Exhibit 5 of the staff report for GPA2025-0002; and

**THAT THE COMMISSION** recommends to the City Council that it approve such General Plan Amendment as part of Cycle 3 for General Plan Amendments 2025.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025

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Sarah Longwell, Chair  
Planning and Housing Commission  
City of Corona, California

**ATTEST:**

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Belinda Capilla  
Secretary, Planning and Housing Commission  
City of Corona, California

I, Belinda Capilla, Secretary to the Planning and Housing Commission of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced and adopted in an adjourned regular session of said Planning and Housing Commission duly called and held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, and was duly passed and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAINED:**

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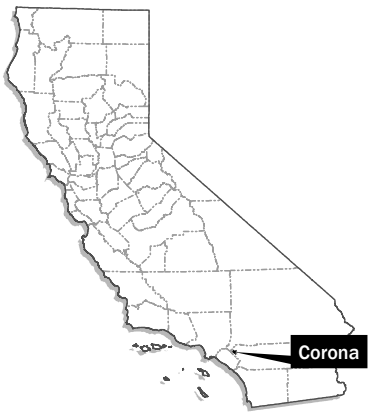
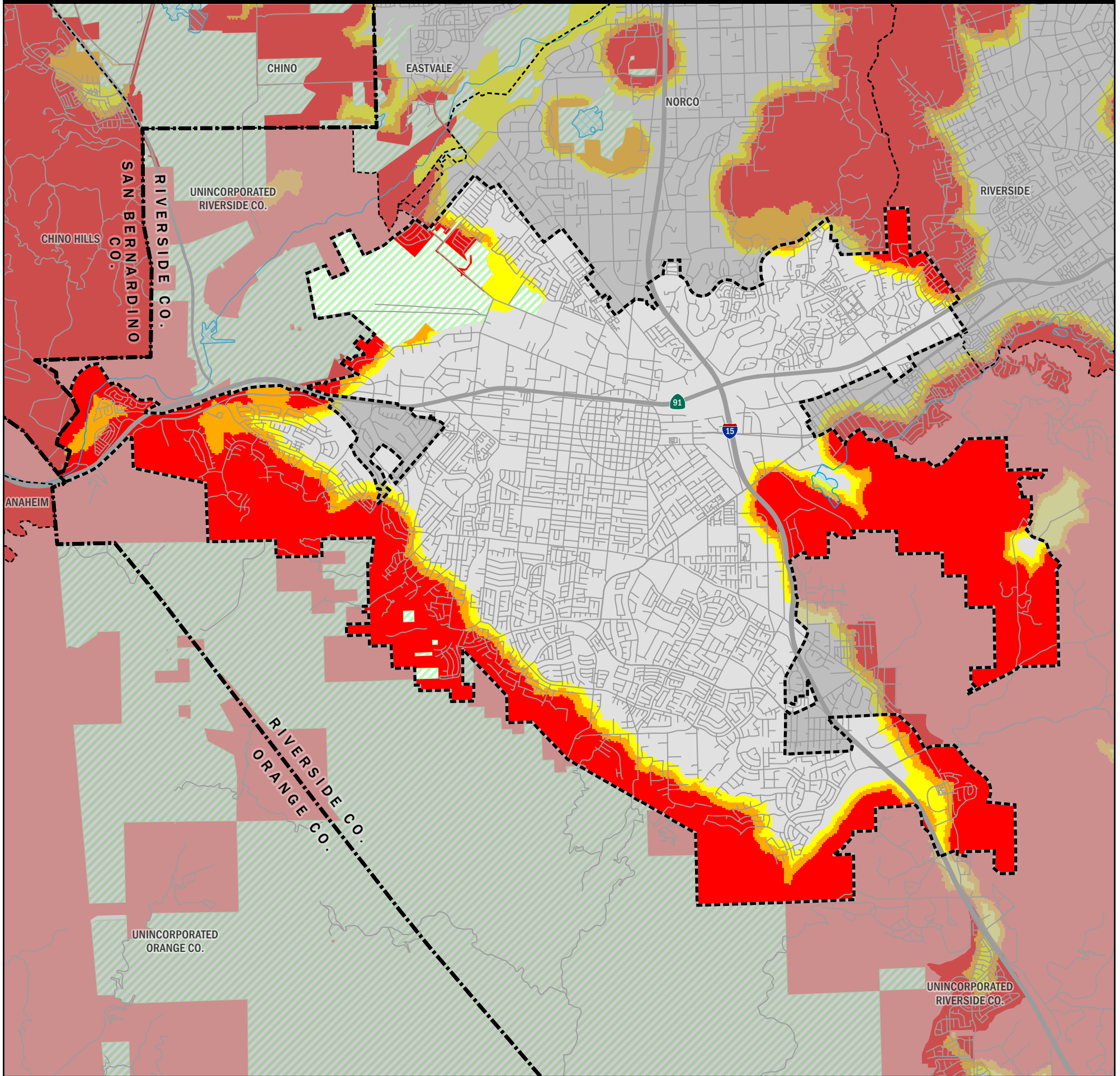
Belinda Capilla  
Secretary, Planning and Housing Commission  
City of Corona, California



# Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the  
State Fire Marshal

March 24, 2025

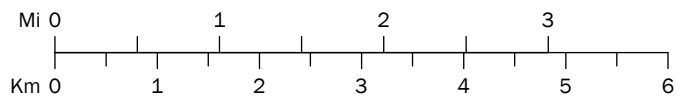


**Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal**

Very High High Moderate

**Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA), Effective April 1, 2024**

Very High High Moderate



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Scale: 1:74,000 at 11" x 17"

- Incorporated City
- Waterbody
- Unzoned LRA
- Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

Government Code section 51178 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

The State of California and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. Neither the State nor the Department shall be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any claim by any user or third party on account of, or arising from, the use of data or maps.

Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California  
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency  
Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Data Sources:  
CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) (PA99\_2\_FHSZ) (PA\_05\_1)  
CAL FIRE State  
City and County

**EXHIBIT 2**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3418**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF CORONA LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES MAP TO DESIGNATE MODERATE, HIGH AND VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15.16 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Article XI, § 7 of the California Constitution authorizes cities to make and enforce within their limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code §§ 51175 *et seq.* authorizes the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas due to fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified as a major cause of wildfire spread; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code § 51178.5 provides that within 30 days after receiving a transmittal from the State Fire Marshal that identifies fire hazard severity zones pursuant to Section 51178, a local agency shall make the information available for public review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Corona (“City”) received a transmittal from the State Fire Marshal that identifies fire hazard severity zones within the City on or about March 24, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the information from the State Fire Marshal identifying fire hazard severity zones within the City was made available for public review and comment on March 26, 2025, through an interactive page on the City Fire Department's website, which allowed residents to view the map and submit feedback or call directly. The City also shared multiple social media posts across various platforms and hosted an in-person town hall on May 14, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code § 51179 requires that the City, within 120 days of receiving a transmittal from the State Fire Marshal that identifies fire hazard severity zones within the City, to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by Government Code Section 51179, the City Council of the City of Corona desires to designate the fire hazard severity zones as identified by the State Fire Marshal as required by Government Code Section 51179; and

**EXHIBIT 3**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council also desires to amend Corona Municipal Code (“CMC”) Chapter 15.16 to update the regulations pertaining to fire hazard severity zones to be consistent with state law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Incorporation of Recitals. The City Council finds and determines that the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporates the Recitals herein.

**SECTION 2.** CEQA Findings. This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action simply designates fire hazard severity zones as recommended by the California State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code Section 51178, as mandated by Government Code Section 51179, and there is no possibility that adopting this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

**SECTION 3.** Adoption of Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map. The City Council hereby adopts the City of Corona Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map from the Office of the State Fire Marshal dated March 24, 2025 for the incorporated area of the City of Corona.

**SECTION 4.** Amendment of Chapter 15.16. Chapter 15.16 (Fire Hazard Severity Zones) of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Corona Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 5.** Severability. If any provision or clause of this Ordinance or any application of it to any person, firm, organization, partnership or corporation is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 6.** Conflicting Ordinances. This Ordinance shall supersede all other previous City Council resolutions and ordinances that may conflict with, or be contrary to, this Ordinance.

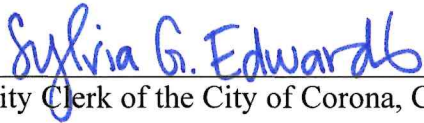
**SECTION 7.** Effective Date. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest thereto and shall within fifteen (15) days of its adoption cause it, or a summary of it, to be published in a general circulation newspaper published and circulated in the City of Corona. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after its adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.



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Mayor of the City of Corona, California

**ATTEST:**



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City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California, duly held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2025, and thereafter at a regular meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote of the City Council:

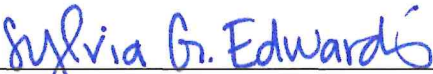
**AYES: CASILLAS, DADDARIO, RICHINS, SPEAKE, STEINER**

**NOES: NONE**

**ABSTAINED: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

  
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City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

(SEAL)

## EXHIBIT “A”

### CHAPTER 15.16 FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES

#### Sections

- 15.16.010 Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map.
- 15.16.020 Changes to Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
- 15.16.030 Building Official responsibility.
- 15.16.040 Filing of Map with City Clerk.
- 15.16.050 Posting of notice of Map with County Entities.
- 15.16.060 Defensible space compliance inspections.

#### **15.16.010 Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map.**

The map entitled "Local Responsibility Area - Fire Hazard Severity Zones" dated March 24, 2025 as recommended by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code §§ 51175 et seq., which identifies areas within the city that are within the moderate, high and very high fire hazard severity zones (“FHSZ Map”), is hereby adopted and incorporated in this chapter by this reference. The Fire Hazard Severity Zones (“FHSZ”) are hereby established and declared to be those areas included within the boundary described and set forth in the FHSZ Map.

#### **15.16.020 Changes to Fire Hazard Severity Zones.**

(A) The Fire Chief may designate area(s) not identified as very high FHSZ by the State Fire Marshal, as very high FHSZ following a finding by the City Council pursuant to Government Code Section 51179 that is supported by substantial evidence in the record that the very high FHSZ designation is necessary for effective fire protection within the area(s).

(B) The Fire Chief may designate area(s) not identified as moderate and high FHSZ by the State Fire Marshal, as moderate and high FHSZ, respectively.

#### **15.16.030 Building Official responsibility.**

The FHSZ Map is intended to be used in conjunction with the most current edition of the California Building Code, and supersedes any other maps previously adopted by the city designating fire hazard severity areas. The Building Official shall be responsible for enforcing provisions of the code and other applicable law which may be applicable to property identified on the FHSZ Map within the city, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 7A of the California

Building Code, Section R337 of the California Residential Code, and all other applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

**15.16.040 Filing of Map with City Clerk.**

The Fire Chief shall cause the most current version of the FHSZ Map to be maintained on file with the office of the City Clerk at all times.

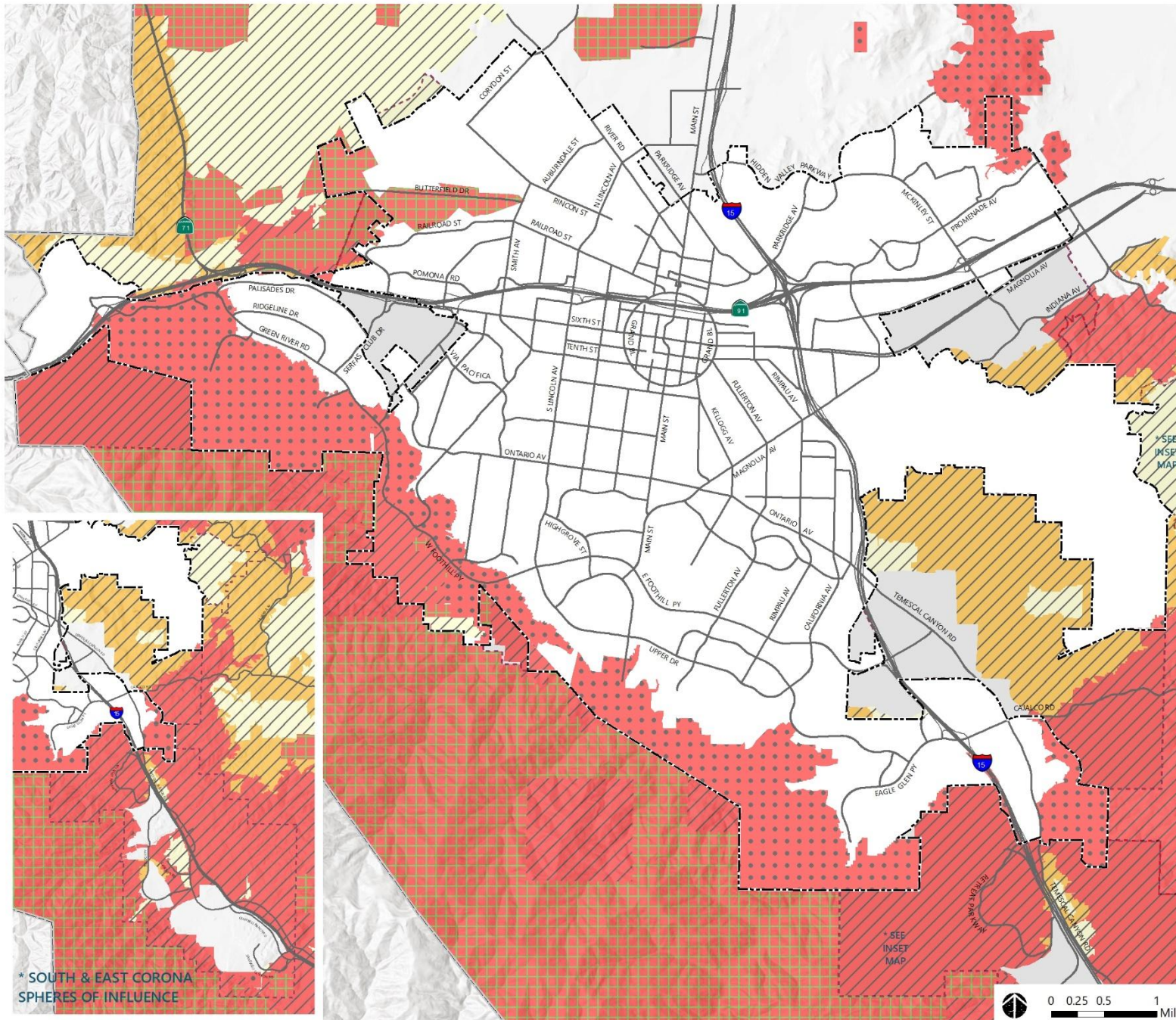
**15.16.050 Posting of notice of Map with County Entities.**

The Fire Chief shall cause a notice to be posted at the office of the Riverside County Recorder, Riverside County Assessor and the Riverside County Planning Department identifying the location of the FHSZ Map.

**15.16.060 Defensible space compliance inspections.**

The owner of real property located within a high or very high FHSZ that is subject to the requirements of Civil Code § 1102.19(a)(1), as it may be amended from time to time, may request a defensible space compliance inspection by submitting such request upon a form provided by the Fire Chief for that purpose. The purpose of the defensible space compliance inspection is to document whether the real property complies with the requirements set forth in § 15.12.320 of this code. A request for a defensible space compliance inspection shall be accompanied by an inspection fee in the amount established by resolution of the City Council. A request for a defensible space compliance inspection shall be submitted at least fourteen (14) days prior to the anticipated sale of the real property located within a high or very high FHSZ to provide sufficient time for the Fire Department to conduct the inspection and prepare a report of such inspection.

**Figure PS-11  
Wildfire Hazard  
Severity Zones**



**Legend**

**Fire Hazard Zone**

- Moderate
- High
- Very High

**Responsibility Areas**

- Local Responsibility Area
- State Responsibility Area
- Federal Responsibility Area
- City Boundary
- Sphere of Influence Areas

**Note:**  
Zones based on factors such as fuel (material that can burn), slope and fire weather.

**Local Responsibility Area (LRA):**  
Local agencies have the primary financial responsibility for the prevention and suppression of wildland fires.

**State Responsibility Area (SRA):**  
The State of California has the primary financial responsibility for the prevention and suppression of wildland fires.

**Federal Responsibility Area:**  
Federal Government has the primary financial responsibility for the prevention and suppression of wildland fires.

**Source:**  
CalFire, 2017  
[http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire\\_prevention/fhsz\\_maps\\_riversidewest](http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire_prevention/fhsz_maps_riversidewest)  
Downloaded: 9/26/17

\* SOUTH & EAST CORONA  
SPHERES OF INFLUENCE



# Figure PS-11 Wildfire Hazard Severity Zones

### Fire Hazard Zone

- Moderate
- High
- Very High

### Responsibility Areas

- Federal Responsibility Area
- Local Responsibility Area
- State Responsibility Area
- City Boundary
- Sphere of Influence Areas

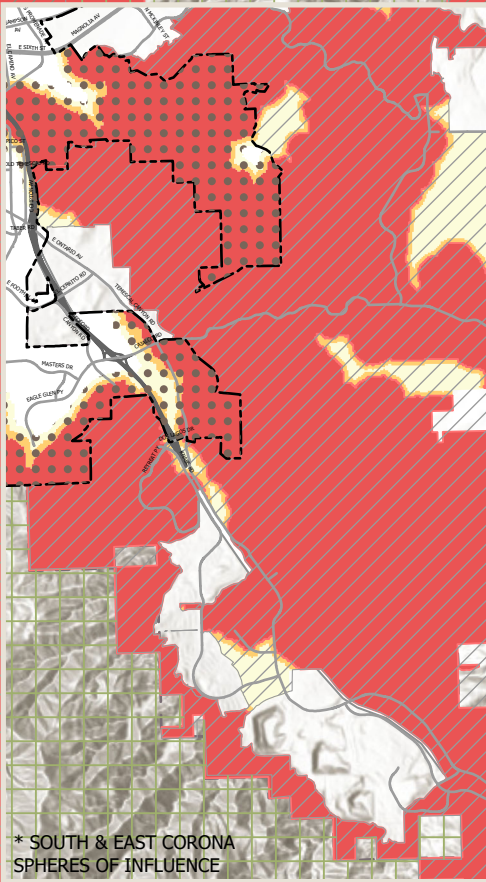
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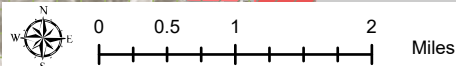
**State Responsibility Area (SRA):**  
The State of California has the primary financial responsibility for the prevention and suppression of wildland fires.

**Federal Responsibility Area:**  
Federal Government has the primary financial responsibility for the prevention and suppression of wildland fires.

## EXHIBIT 5



\* SOUTH & EAST CORONA SPHERES OF INFLUENCE





## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> <p>Submitted online via: <a href="https://ceqasubmit.lci.ca.gov/">https://ceqasubmit.lci.ca.gov/</a></p>	<p>FROM: Name: City of Corona</p> <p>(Public Agency) Address: 400 S. Vicentia Ave. Corona, CA 92882</p> <p>Telephone: 951-736-2201</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: P.O. Box 751, Riverside, CA 92502-0751</p> <p>Submitted via email: <a href="mailto:CEQAProcessing@asrelkrec.com">CEQAProcessing@asrelkrec.com</a></p>	

1. Project Title:	<b>GPA2025-0002</b>
2. Project Applicant:	<b>City of Corona Fire Department</b>
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	<b>City-wide</b>
4. (a) Project Location – City: City	(b) Project Location – County: Riverside County
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	General Plan Amendment to update Figure PS-11 (Wildfire Hazard Severity Zone map) in the Public Safety Element of the Corona General Plan to be consistent with the fire hazard severity zones map issued by the Office of the State Marshal, ensuring consistency with state law.
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	City of Corona
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	City of Corona
8. Exempt status: (check one)	

EXHIBIT 6

(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	The project is exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, the “common sense” exemption. This exemption applies where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA2025-0002) qualifies, as it merely replaces the existing fire hazard severity zones map (Figure PS-11 of the Corona General Plan) with the updated map issued by the Office of the State Fire Marshal on March 24, 2025, and adopted by the Corona City Council on June 4, 2025.
9. Reason why project was exempt:	See 8(g) above.

10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Sandra Vanian, Planning Manager 951-279-3553
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form “A”) before filing.	
12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: <a href="#">Click to enter date</a>	

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Signature

Date: [Click to enter date](#)

Sylvia Edwards  
Name

Title: City Clerk

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: [Click to enter date](#)

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.