



VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT:

Adoption of a Resolution Ratifying Chapter 5, Section 507, Chapter 9, Section 903, and Appendix B of Ventura County Fire Protection District Ordinance No. 32 within the Unincorporated Areas of Ventura County.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution ratifying Chapter 5, Section 507, Chapter 9, Section 903, and Appendix B of Ordinance No. 32 of the Ventura County Fire Protection District (Fire District), which will enable the Fire District to enforce certain fire and life safety building standards within the unincorporated areas of the County.
2. Authorize the Fire District to file a copy of the findings (Exhibit 1), together with the attached, adopted Ordinance No. 32, with the State Department of Housing and Community Development on behalf of the County.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

There are no additional County costs associated with this Board action.

DISCUSSION:

Your Board's approval of the proposed Resolution will ratify Chapter 5, Section 507, Chapter 9, Section 903, and Appendix B of the newly adopted Fire District Ordinance No. 32. As adopted by the Fire District, Chapter 5, Section 507, Chapter 9, Section 903, and Appendix B of Ordinance No. 32 contains building standards relating to fire and life safety, which are more restrictive than those adopted by the State Fire Marshal and contained within the California Fire and Building Standards Codes. California law requires building standards adopted by local jurisdictions that are more restrictive than those adopted by the state to be enacted by ordinance after the state adopts and

publishes the California Building Standards and Fire Codes. California Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7 authorizes the Fire District to adopt such standards but requires each legislative body where the standards will apply to ratify said sections of an ordinance prior to enforcement of its stricter standards within that legislative body's jurisdiction.

The building and fire safety standards contained in Chapter 5, Section 507, Chapter 9, Section 903, and Appendix B of Fire District Ordinance No. 32 have been in effect for many years and are an integral part of the Fire District's fire protection plan. Modifications to these standards are contained in the current Chapter 5, Section 507, Chapter 9, Section 903, and Appendix B of Ordinance No. 31. Ratification of said sections of Fire District Ordinance No. 32 will maintain these standards.

California Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7 requires the Fire District to file Exhibit 1 to support the need for more restrictive building standards based on climatic, geological, or topographical conditions. Exhibit 1 has been provided in a timely manner to the County and all other members of the Fire District prior to placement of this item on your Board's agenda.

The County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's office, and County Counsel have reviewed this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please call me at (805) 389-9704 or Fire Marshal Massoud Araghi at (805) 389-9729.

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Dustin Gardner
Fire Chief

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Attachments:

Resolution Ratifying Chapter 5, Section 507, Chapter 9, Section 903, and Appendix B of Fire District Ordinance No. 32
Exhibit 1 – Resolution 22-146 Adopting Findings for Fire District Ordinance No. 32