

**Summary of Ordinance of
the Ventura County Fire
Protection District Adopting
the 2022 Edition of the
Ventura County Fire Code**

The Board of Directors of the Ventura County Fire Protection District ("District") adopted Ordinance No. 32 on October 11, 2022.

Adopted Ordinance No. 32 repeals Ordinance No. 31, the 2019 Ventura County Fire Code ("VCFC"), and adopts by reference the 2022 California Fire Code (including Appendix O), portions of the 2021 International Fire Code and portions of Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations, together with amendments thereto and administrative provisions, and incorporate by reference District Ordinance No. 29 as the 2022 edition of the VCFC.

Adopted Ordinance No. 32 reenacts the local amendments and administrative provisions of the 2019 VCFC with minor changes to clarify existing language, correct clerical errors or re-number provisions (including moving existing Fire District fire safety provisions for Wildland-Urban Interface areas from Appendix W to Chapter 49), except that the ordinance makes the following substantive changes:

Article 1: Added provisions outlining the statutory authorities and purposes for adopting the proposed ordinance

Article 3:

Chapter 2, Section 202 added definitions for the following terms used in the Fire Code: Existing Parcels, Combustible Fencing, Deck, Fire Hazard Severity Zone, Fuel, Ladder Fuels, Vegetation, and Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI).

Chapter 3, Section 317.1 was amended to provide reference to Chapter 49 with regards to landscaped roofs.

Chapter 9, Section 903.3.1.2.3 was amended to require automatic fire sprinklers in attics in occupancies with a NFPA 13R system.

Chapter 49:

Section 4901 was amended to incorporate local defensible space requirements into Chapter 49.

Section 4905.4 was added to address fire exposure hazards associated with fencing during wildfires.

Section 4905.5 was added to address building setbacks in as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 1, Section 1276.01.

Section 4906 was amended to expand regulations for greenbelts.

Section 4907.4 was added to provide clarification on responsibilities and costs associated with defensible space requirements.

The ordinance will take effect on January 1, 2023. A copy of the ordinance and adopted codes are on file with the office of the District Fire Marshal. In addition, upon ratification by the legislative bodies of the County of Ventura and any member city that adopts Chapter 5, Section

507; Chapter 9, Section 903;
and Appendix B pursuant to
subdivision (c) of Health
and Safety Code Section
13869.7, Chapter 5, Section
507; Chapter 9, Section 903;
and Appendix B of the Fire
Code shall apply in such ju-
risdictions upon the effec-
tive date of Ordinance No.
32 or upon the date of said
ratification or adoption by
the County or any member
city, whichever is later.

The ordinance was adopted
by the following vote:
AYES: Supervisors Parks,
Long, Huber, Lopez and
LaVere

Prepared by:
Ryan Kraal,
Fire Prevention Officer

ATTEST:
DR. SEVET JOHNSON
Clerk of the Board of Super-
visors
County of Ventura

By: s/s
Lori Key
Senior Deputy Clerk of the
Board
10/25/22

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