



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: June 3, 2008
Item Number: F-8
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: City Attorney
Subject: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS REQUIRING THE DESIGNATION OF VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES, AMENDING THE 2007 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, AND AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 9 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

Attachments: 1. Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the proposed ordinance be adopted.

INTRODUCTION

The City of Beverly Hills currently has a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone map on file designating the area North of Sunset. This ordinance replaces the existing Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone map with an updated map from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The new map is exactly the same as the existing map.

DISCUSSION

At the City Council meeting of May 20, 2008, the City Council conducted a first reading of this ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Laurence S. Wiener, City Attorney

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TITLE 9 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY
ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 9-2-2 of Chapter 2 of Title 9 is hereby amended by adding the following:

“Section 4704.3 Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map. The City of Beverly Hills City Council hereby designates Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and as designated on a map titled Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, May 1, 2008 and retained on file at the Office of the Fire Marshal, 445 North Rexford Drive.”

Section 2. The map titled Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, May 1, 2008 is hereby attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A.

Section 3. CEQA Findings. The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption and implementation of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance does not authorize construction and, in fact, imposes greater restrictions on certain development in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare. The Ordinance is therefore exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any

reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each and every section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage, in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code; shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and his certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Adopted:
Effective:

BARRY BRUCKER
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills,
California

ATTEST:

(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk

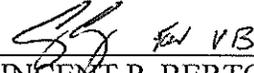
APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

RODERICK J. WOOD
City Manager



VINCENT P. BERTONI, AICP
Director of Community Development



TIMOTHY J. SCRANTON
Fire Chief

EXHIBIT A-MAP

INCORPORATED
FHSZ
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TILE 1
Fire Hazard Severity Zone

- Legend**
- Fire Stations
 - Barbican Headquarters
 - Division Headquarters
 - Other Non-Hazard
 - Moderate Fire Hazard
 - High Fire Hazard
 - Very High Fire Hazard
 - City of Beverly Hills
 - Parcel Boundary

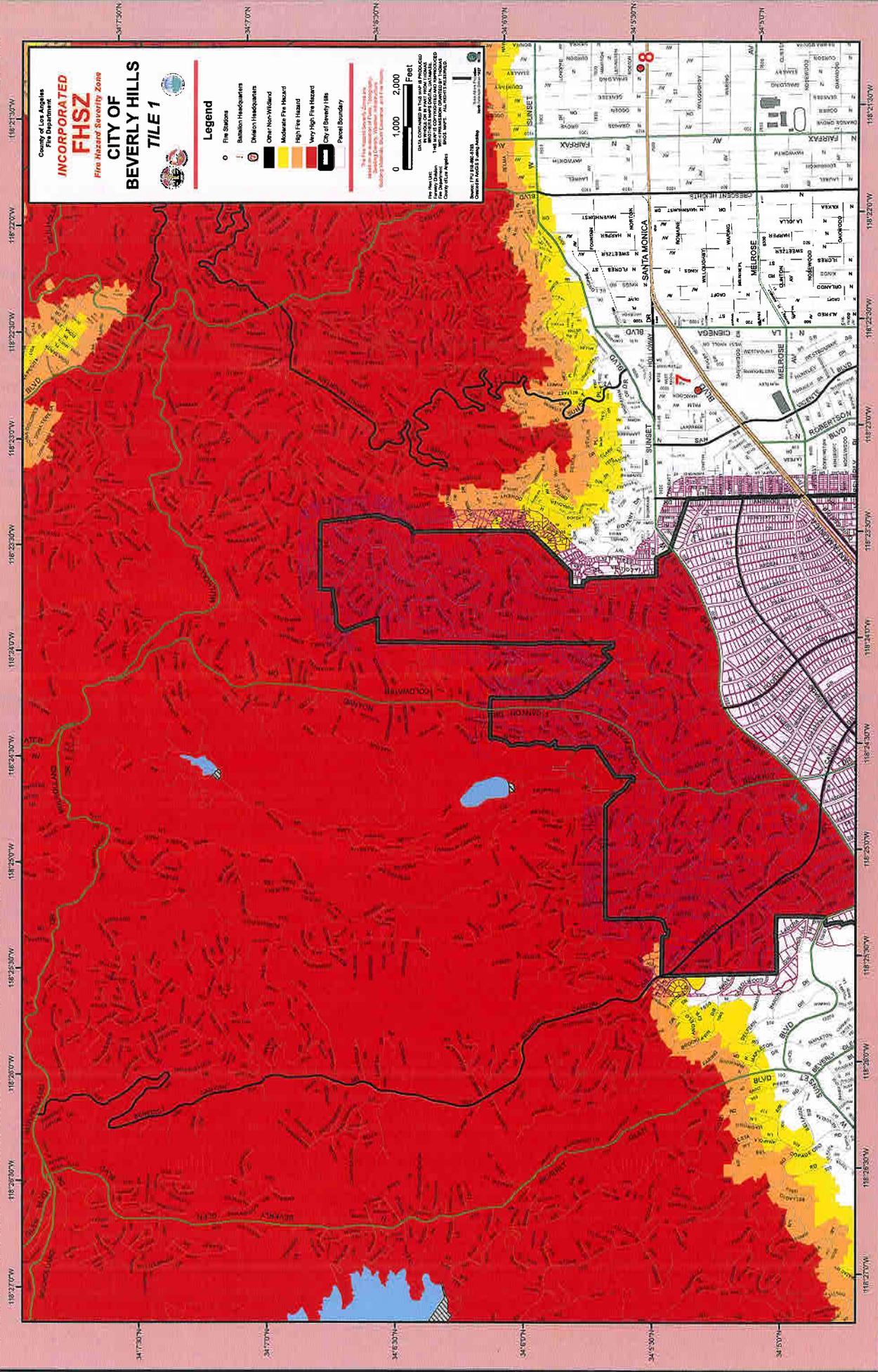
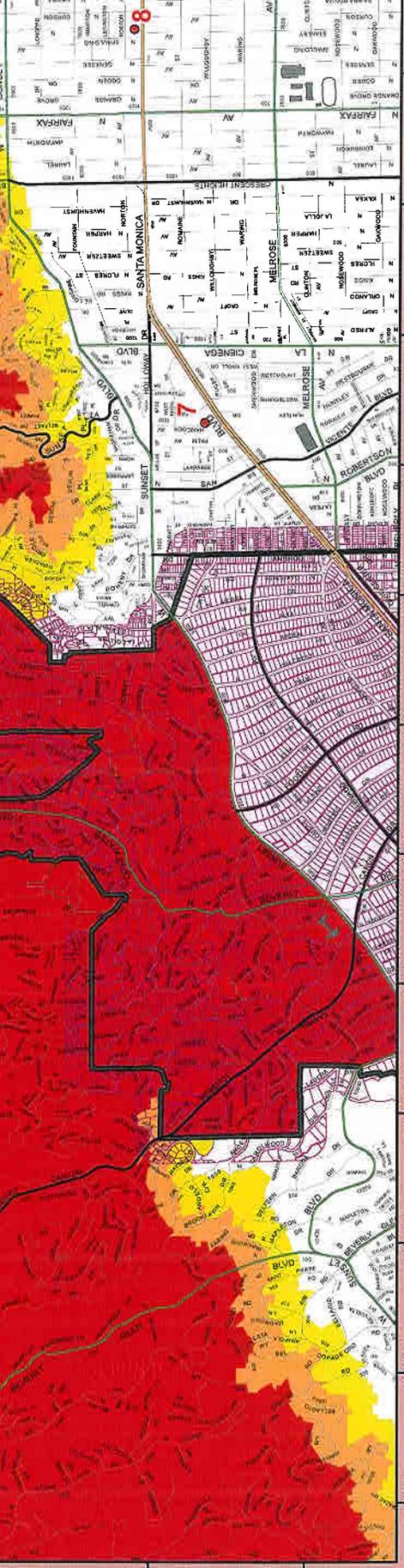
The Fire Hazard Severity Zones are the result of a fire hazard analysis conducted by the City of Beverly Hills. The analysis was based on the following factors:

- Fire Hazard Potential
- Fire Hazard Exposure
- Fire Hazard Vulnerability
- Fire Hazard Consequence

The Fire Hazard Severity Zones are shown on this map. The Fire Hazard Severity Zones are shown in the following colors:

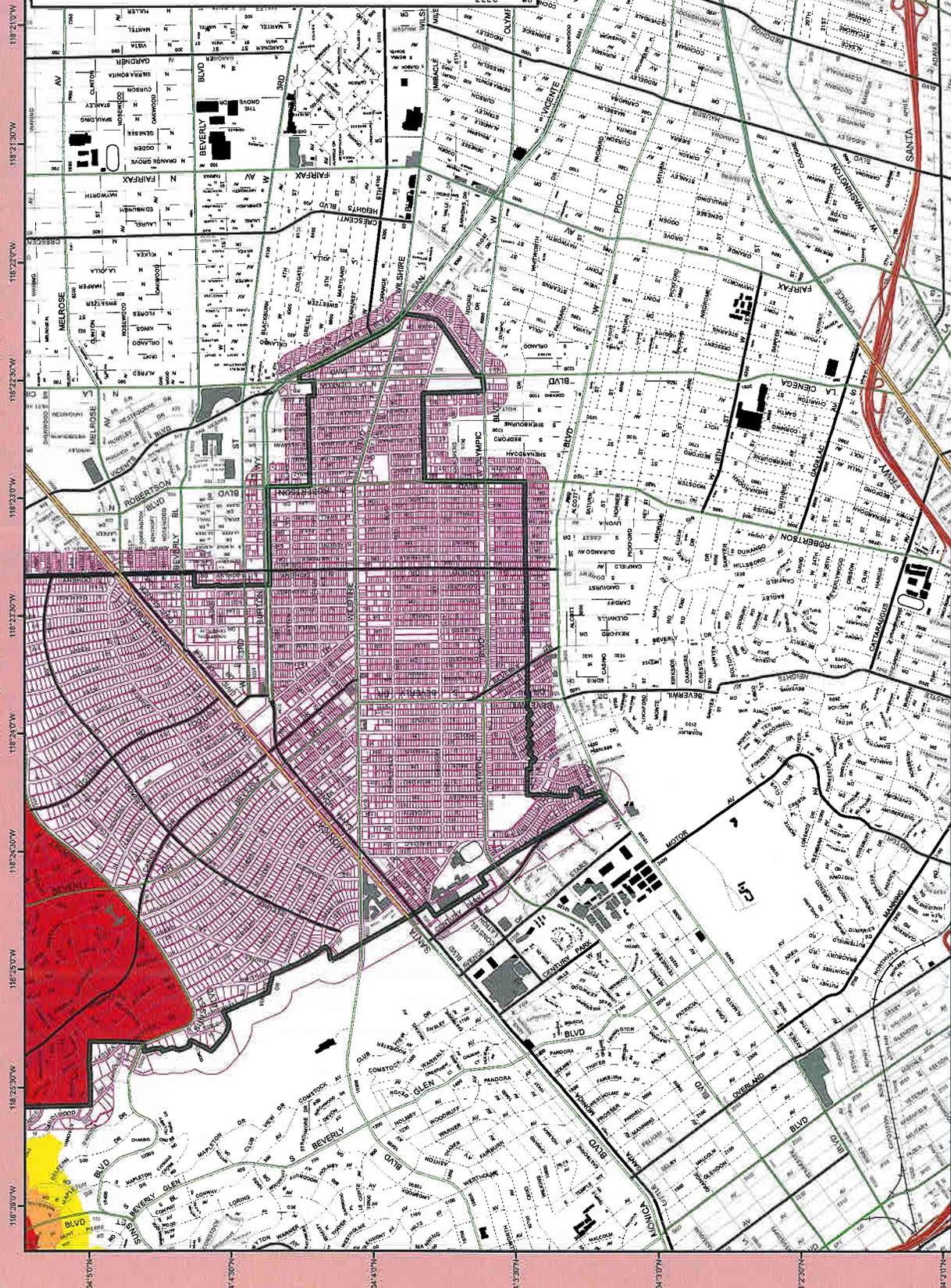
- Other Non-Hazard (White)
- Moderate Fire Hazard (Yellow)
- High Fire Hazard (Orange)
- Very High Fire Hazard (Red)

The City of Beverly Hills is shown in black. The City of Beverly Hills is shown in black. The City of Beverly Hills is shown in black.



County of Los Angeles
 Fire Department
INCORPORATED FHSZ
Fire Hazard Severity Zone
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
TILE 2

- Legend**
- Fire Stations
 - Battalion Headquarters
 - Division Headquarters
 - Other Non-Wildland
 - Moderate Fire Hazard
 - High Fire Hazard
 - Very High Fire Hazard
 - City of Beverly Hills
 - Parcel Boundary



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