

**MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 54-2025**  
**FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE ADOPTION**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO  
DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 51178 designates the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire severity zones; and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, California Government Code Section 51179 requires a local agency to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 51178; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Menlo Park Fire Protection District (the "District") does not meet the definition of "local agency" because it is not responsible for fire protection within a very high fire hazard severity zone, it nevertheless desires to adopt the fire severity maps published by the California Department of Forestry and California State Fire Marshal because it is adjacent to moderate and high fire hazard severity zones.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1:**

1. The Menlo Park Fire Protection District hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.
2. The map, approved by the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, is hereby incorporated by reference, and entitled "Menlo Park Fire Protection District Fire Hazard Severity Zones."
3. The official map is also located electronically on the following website:  
[www.menlofire.gov](http://www.menlofire.gov)

**SECTION 2: DATE OF EFFECT**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on June 19, 2025.

**SECTION 3: PUBLIC POSTING**

This ordinance shall be posted on the Menlo Park Fire Protection District website at [www.menlofire.gov](http://www.menlofire.gov) and published pursuant to law.

Introduced the 15th day of April 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as an Ordinance of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 20th day of May 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

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Michelle Kneier, Clerk of the Board

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Robert Jones, Board President