



# 2019 California Fire Code

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LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

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# Summary

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- ❑ The State Fire Marshal produces the Fire Code and is required by law to keep it current with the International Fire Code every three years (Triennial Code Adoption Cycle.)**
- ❑ The 2019 California Fire Code is based on the International Fire Code published by International Code Council and will take effect on January 1, 2020**
- ❑ The State Fire Marshal sets the minimum standard and California law allows local jurisdictions to amend the code based on local conditions**



# Background

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- The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) has recommended amendments to the Fire Code based on local conditions for the greater Orange County area**
- A City may make changes and amendments to the Fire Code if the amendments are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions**



# Analysis

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- The City Council must first adopt the Resolution of findings for local conditions before taking action on the Ordinance, which contains amendments to the Fire Code**
- OCFA's amendments clarify the code and identify areas of potential conflict / overlap with other State fire and life safety requirements**



# Analysis

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- A Resolution containing Findings for Local Conditions is provided as *Attachment 1* to staff report**
- The Ordinance, provided as EXHIBIT A to *Attachment 1*, adopts the 2019 Edition of the California Fire Code with appendices and amendments thereto**
- OCFA's amendments are incorporated into the body of the proposed Ordinance**



# Notification

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- California Fire Code Adoption requires an Introduction then the setting a Public Hearing date to receive public testimony**
- Introduction of Ordinance is November 5, 2019**
- Council to set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance**
- Public Hearing will be advertised in local paper**



# Fiscal Impact

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**There is no cost to the City**



# Recommended Actions

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- A. Adopt a Resolution setting forth findings with respect to local conditions which justify amendments to the 2019 California Fire Code**
- B. Introduce an Ordinance adopting the 2019 California Fire Code together with certain amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions thereto**
- C. Set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance identified in item (B)**