



2019 California Fire Code Adoption

LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 19, 2019



Summary

- ❑ 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

- 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

- The Ordinance, provided as *Attachment 1*, adopts the 2019 California Fire Code with appendices and amendments thereto**



Analysis

- The Ordinance also included amendments, additions, and deletions to the fire code based on local conditions**
- The OCFA's amendments are incorporated into the body of the proposed Ordinance**
- The OCFA's amendments clarify the code and identify areas of potential conflict / overlap with other State fire and life safety requirements**



Notification

- Introduction of Ordinance was November 5, 2019**
- Public Hearing date of November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance**
- Public Hearing date notice was posted and advertised in local paper on November 6, 2019**



Recommended Actions

- Approve the Ordinance adopting the 2019 California Fire Code with amendments (by title)**