

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: FIRE

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 27, 2013

SUBJECT: Introduction of Ordinance No. 787.7 that adopts the 2013 California Fire Code and find it exempt from CEQA. All Districts/All Districts [\$28,400]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the introduction and adoption of Ordinance No. 787.7 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; and
2. Introduce and adopt on successive weeks Ordinance No. 787.7, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 787 in its entirety and replacing it with language adopting the 2013 California Fire Code as amended.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

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[Signature]
John R. Hawkins
County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 28,400	\$ 0	\$ 28,400	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Budget Adjustment:
	For Fiscal Year: FY 13/14

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY *[Signature]*
Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and the ordinance is approved as introduced with waiver of the reading.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Date: December 10, 2013
 xc: Fire, COB

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By: *[Signature]*
 Deputy

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *[Signature]* 11/27/13
MICHELLE CLACK DATE

Departmental Concurrence

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

On June 25, 2013 (Item 3-17), the Board of Supervisors ordered the initiation of Ordinance No. 787.7 to adopt the 2013 California Fire Code. The 2013 California Fire Code will take effect on January 1, 2014, and updates the 2010 California Fire Code to include requirements that increase fire resistance in buildings and homes.

Ordinance No. 787.7 adopts the 2013 California Fire Code with amendments pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 17958 and 17958.7, which allows the County to require more restrictive development standards based on findings related to local climatic, topographical and geological conditions. These findings are made in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 787.7 and in Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Ordinance No. 787.7 cites specific sections in the 2013 California Fire Code that are being amended by the ordinance. Where Ordinance No. 787.7 amends a specific section by deleting it entirely and replacing it with new language, only the specific section referenced in Ordinance No. 787.7 is being amended. Those sections not specifically referenced remain in effect.

Ordinance No. 787.7 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed ordinance amendment merely adopts the 2013 California Fire Code, as amended. Any actual project proposed by property owners will have to undergo its own CEQA analysis.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

Ordinance No. 787.7 will provide citizens and businesses reasonable fire protection for life and property through the adoption of the 2013 California Fire Code with local amendments based upon the climatic, geological and topographical conditions unique to Riverside County. The amendments to the California Fire Code are necessary to assure the operational needs and safety of fire department personnel responding to emergency incidents in new and existing structures. Consideration was given to assure that new amendments to the California Fire Code for new construction were reasonably necessary while maintaining minimal impacts on citizens and businesses to develop within Riverside County

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

The estimated cost of administrative personnel and County Counsel time to prepare the amendments to Ordinance No. 787.7 is \$28,400. There is no additional fiscal impact associated with adoption of the 2013 California Fire Codes as these are regulatory requirements used in plan checking and permitting of future projects and maintenance provisions for existing structures and occupancies.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 787.7
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 787 AND ADOPTING
THE 2013 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AS AMENDED**

This summary is presented pursuant to California Government Code Section 25124(b): a certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 787.7 may be examined at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, located at 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Riverside, California.

Ordinance No. 787.7 amends Ordinance No. 787 to adopt the 2013 California Fire Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9, as amended, to govern the safeguarding of life and property from fire, explosion hazards and hazardous conditions and to regulate the issuance of permits and collection of fees. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 17958 and 17958.7, the County may adopt modifications or changes to the California Fire Code that are reasonably necessary because of the local climatic, geological and topographical conditions. Such modifications include, but are not limited to, prohibiting the ignition or launching of a sky lantern or similar device, allowing fire apparatus access roads for solar photovoltaic power generation facilities to be modified by the fire code official and requiring a fire command center for buildings larger than 300,000 square feet. Ordinance No. 787.7 will apply to the unincorporated area of Riverside County and would take effect 30 days after its adoption.