

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



ITEM: 3.8
(ID # 18611)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 10, 2022

FROM : FIRE DEPARTMENT:

SUBJECT: FIRE DEPARTMENT: Initiation of Amendment to Ordinance No. 787 to adopt as amended, revised and supplemented the 2022 California Fire Code; All Districts. [\$30,000 total cost] 100% General Fund

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt an order initiating an amendment to Ordinance No. 787 to adopt as amended, revised and supplemented the 2022 California Fire Code; and
2. Direct the Fire Department and County Counsel to review, prepare and process this amendment for future action by the Board of Supervisors

ACTION:


Bill Weiser, Fire Department Chief 3/29/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 10, 2022
xc: Fire, Co.Co.

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 12,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 12,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Funds 100%			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year: 21/22 – 22/23	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

Updated fire and building codes developed by the state to increase fire resistance in buildings and homes will take effect statewide in January 2023, in accordance with Health and Safety Code 18938. These codes bring the County in line with the 2022 California Building, Fire and Residential Code, based on the 2021 International Building, Fire and Residential Code, and will be enforced by the County's fire and building departments. This amendment to Ordinance No. 787 will adopt as amended, revised and supplemented the 2022 California Fire Code.

California Code of Regulations, Title 24, California Building Standards Code contains 12 Parts [Part 9 is the California Fire Code] and is published in its entirety every three years by order of the California legislature, with supplements published in an intervening 18-month cycle. California statute delegates authority to various State agencies, boards, commissions, and departments to create building regulations to implement the State's statutes. These building standards, have the same force of law, and take effect for statewide application 180 days after their publication unless otherwise stipulated by the California Building Standards Commission.

A city, county or city and county may establish equal or more restrictive building standards reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions. Findings of the local condition(s) and the adopted local building standard(s) must be filed with the California Building Standards Commission to become effective and may not be effective sooner than the effective date of this edition of the California Building Standards Code. Only those standards approved by the California Building Standards Commission that are effective at the time an application for building permit is submitted shall apply to the plans and specifications for, and to the construction performed under, that permit.

The Board of Supervisors has previously adopted administrative provisions and more restrictive building standards. The previously adopted building standards include additional fire protection features such as fire command centers and fire sprinkler systems. In compliance with Board Policy A-67, the Fire Department is seeking The Board of Supervisor's approval to allow the Fire Department, along with County Counsel, to begin to review and prepare any possible amendments to County Ordinance No. 787 for adoption by the Board prior to submitting to the

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California Building Standards Commission for an effective implementation date of January 1, 2023.

Ordinance No. 787 only applies to the unincorporated area. Cities within Riverside County will need to adopt separate ordinances to apply more restrictive buildings standards within their respective jurisdictions. The Fire Department will be working with each contract partner in the regional cooperative system to assist in modifying their individual ordinances. The Board's action today does not directly affect the contract partner cities.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

There is no impact on residents and businesses. Board of Supervisor's approval will allow the Fire Department, along with County Counsel, to begin to prepare the amendments to County Ordinance No. 787 for future consideration and adoption by the Board.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

Under Board Policy A-67, the Board of Supervisors is to consider the costs associated with preparing, processing and implementing an ordinance amendment in deciding whether to adopt an order initiating the amendment. The estimated cost of preparing, processing and implementing this amendment is \$30,000. This amount is based on the previous update; however, the department will make every effort to limit costs on this effort. All costs are included in the Fire Department FY 22/23 budget and no additional general fund is requested to undertake this project.