

ORDINANCE NO. 351-U.

ORDINANCE 351-U. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS AMENDING TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 32 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE (fire code), RATIFYING THE MORE RESTRICTIVE FIRE STANDARDS CONTAINED IN THAT CODE, AND DELEGATING ENFORCEMENT OF THE FIRE CODE IN THE CITY TO THE FIRE CHIEF, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Hills lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District); and

WHEREAS, the District has responsibility for fire protection within said jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors, acting as the Governing Body of the District did on January 24, 2017, adopt amendments to the District Fire Code by adopting by reference, with certain changes and amendments, the 2016 Edition of the California Fire Code and the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, as allowed by state law, the District Fire Code contains local amendments that constitute more restrictive building standards relating to fire and panic safety than those adopted by the State Fire Marshal and contained in the California Building Standards Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13869.7(c) of the California Health and Safety Code, local amendments containing such more restrictive building standards are not effective within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City until ratified by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City to ratify all of these more restrictive building standards and to have those standards be enforced in the City;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 15.20.010 of Title 15, Chapter 15.20 (Fire Code) of the Rolling Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.20.010 Adoption of Fire Code.

Except as hereinafter provided in this chapter, Title 32 Fire Code of the Los Angeles County Codes, as amended and in effect on February 24, 2017, which constitutes an amended version of the California Fire Code, 2016 Edition and an amended version of the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition is hereby adopted by reference and shall constitute and may be cited as the Fire Code of the City of Rolling Hills.

In the event of any conflict between provisions of the California Fire Code, 2016 Edition, Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code, or any amendment to the Fire Code contained in the Rolling Hills Municipal Code, the provision contained in the later listed document shall control.

A copy of Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code, along with a copy of the California Fire Code, 2016 Edition has been deposited in the office of the City Clerk and shall be at all times maintained by the Clerk for use and examination by the public.

Section 2. Ratification of More Stringent Building Standards. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 13869.7, subdivision (a), as part of its amendments to Title 32 (Fire Code), the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County proposed building standards relating to fire and public safety that are more stringent than those building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal and contained in the California Building Code. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 13869.7, subdivision (c), by adoption of this ordinance, the City Council hereby ratifies the building standards included within the ordinance amending Title 32 (Fire Code) as amended and in effect on February 24, 2017.

Section 3. The City Council hereby finds that the changes and modifications to the Fire Code that has been enacted by this ordinance are reasonably necessary because of the City's local

climate, characterized by hot, dry summers, often resulting in drought conditions, followed by strong Santa Ana winds, often resulting in hazardous fire conditions, and the City's geological characteristics in that the area is characterized by geological instability; location in Southern California; and the relatively hilly topography of the City. The City Council hereby finds that the modifications to the California Fire Code in Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code are reasonably necessary because of the local climatic, geological, and topographical conditions indicated above. Accordingly, the City Council finds the modifications in this Ordinance to the Fire Code to be necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 4. To the extent the provisions of this ordinance are substantially the same as previous provisions of the Rolling Hills Municipal Code, these provisions shall be construed as continuations of those provisions and not as new enactments.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or any part hereof is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 6. Urgency Findings. Title 32 (Fire Code) of the LA County Code took effect on February 24, 2017. It is essential that the City have in effect as of that date codes that comport with state law and contain those modifications necessitated by unique topographic, geologic and climatic conditions. In the absence of immediate effectiveness, the provisions of the Fire Code unique to the City's special circumstances will not be in place and this will have a detrimental effect on the public, health, safety and welfare. The modifications to the Code contain vital provisions regarding administrative procedures, and other similar matters necessitated by the City's exposure to Santa Ana winds and its limited rainfall in summer and fall months and increased risk for fires. For these reasons, the public health, safety and welfare require that this ordinance take effect immediately. This Ordinance is an urgency ordinance adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 36967 and shall take effect immediately.

Section 7. This Ordinance has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it is not a project that has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

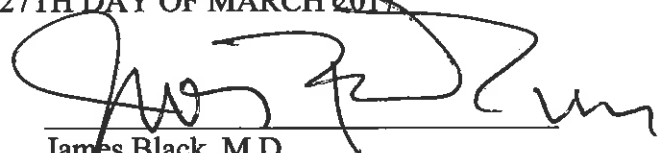
Section 8. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Ordinance and shall file a copy of this Ordinance as follows:

California Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards, 2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 250, Sacramento, California 95833-1820.


California Building Standards Commission, 2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95833 and

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Attn: Chief Mark Savage, Fire Marshal, 5823 Rickenbacker Road, Commerce, California 90040.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2017


James Black, M.D.
Mayor

ATTEST:



Heidi Luce
City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) §§
CITY OF ROLLING HILLS)

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 351-U entitled:

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was approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on March 27, 2017 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Dieringer, Mirsch, Pieper, Wilson and Mayor Black.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

and in compliance with the laws of California was posted at the following:

Administrative Offices.



HEIDI LUCE
CITY CLERK