



# STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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January 18, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Netra Khatri, City Engineer

**PREPARER:** Netra Khatri, City Engineer

**DATE:** December 14, 2022

**TITLE:** **Adopt Resolution No. 223-29, a Resolution of City Council of the City of Arcata Ratifying the Arcata Fire Protection District’s Ordinance No. 22-21 Adopting the 2022 California Fire Code, Title 24, Part 9, Based on the 2021 International Fire Code.**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution No. 223-29, a Resolution of City Council of the City of Arcata Ratifying the Arcata Fire Protection District’s Ordinance No. 22-21 Adopting the 2022 California Fire Code, Title 24, Part 9, Based on the 2021 International Fire Code.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

On November 8, 2022, the Arcata Fire Protection District (AFPD) enacted its Ordinance No. 22-21, adopting the 2022 California Fire Code, Title 24, Part 9, based on the 2021 International Fire Code. This ordinance was supported by statutory findings adopted by the AFPD as Resolution 22-274 on October 11, 2022. A copy of the ordinance and its supporting resolution are attached as Exhibits “A” and “B” to Resolution No. 223-29.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Fire Code is enforced by the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Arcata Fire Protection District. However, in order for new Fire Code to be enforceable within the City of Arcata, State law requires the City Council to ratify the AFPD action. (Health & Safety Code § 13869.7(c).) The City Engineer and Building Official reviewed a draft the AFPD ordinance and support the Council’s ratification.

The AFPD ordinance will not become effective until ratified by the City Council and thereafter forwarded to the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Resolution No. 223-29, if adopted by the Council, would ratify the Fire District’s action and direct the City Clerk to forward the Resolution to the Housing and Community Development Department.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA):**

This ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that ratifying the Fire Code may have a significant effect on the environment.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution 223-29 for Fire Code with Exhibit A & B (PDF)