

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WITHIN THE LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51178**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 51175(a) declares that wildfires pose a serious threat to the public peace, health, and safety, with ember-cast and wind-driven flames impacting areas far beyond the initial fire front;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 51179(a) requires local agencies to designate, by ordinance, Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code Section 51178;

WHEREAS, in March 2025, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), under the direction of the State Fire Marshal, released updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps for local responsibility Areas in Los Angeles County, including the City of Claremont, and published a map showing those zones;

WHEREAS, these zones were based on current science, topography, vegetation, and climate conditions, and categorize areas of Claremont as Moderate, High, or Very High Severity Zones;

WHEREAS, the City of Claremont has reviewed the State Fire Marshal's recommendation and finds that the map accurately identifies the City's Fire Hazard Severity Zones as shown in the attached Exhibit; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance have been satisfied.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The City Council hereby finds that all the facts set forth in the recitals are true and correct and are incorporated as substantive findings of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Designation. The City of Claremont hereby designates the Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones as identified in the map, dated March 24, 2025, prepared and recommended by CAL Fire and the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Government Code section 51178. Those areas are identified in the attached Exhibit, which is incorporated by reference.

SECTION 3. Supersedure. All prior ordinances or portions thereof that conflict with this designation are hereby repealed or superseded to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. The mayor shall sign this ordinance and the city clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of it, and within fifteen (15) days, publish in the Claremont Courier, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed, published, and circulated in the City of Claremont and thirty (30) days thereafter it shall take effect and be in force.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025 .

Mayor, City of Claremont

ATTEST:

City Clerk, City of Claremont

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney, City of Claremont

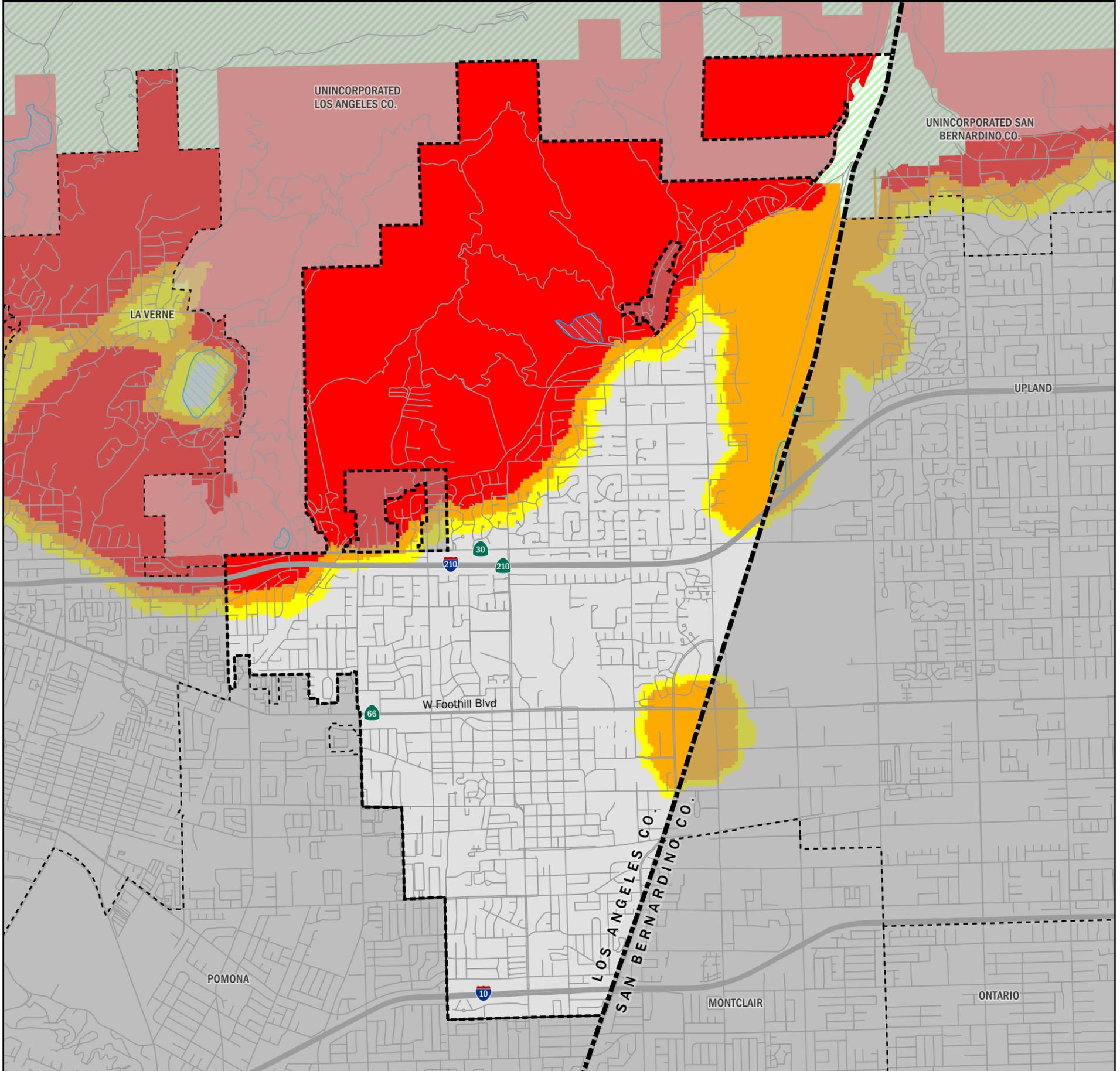
CITY OF CLAREMONT – LOS ANGELES COUNTY



Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal

March 24, 2025

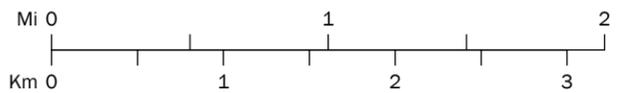


Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal

Very High High Moderate

Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA), Effective April 1, 2024

Very High High Moderate



Projection: NAD 83 California Teale Albers
Scale: 1:42,000 at 11" x 17"

- Incorporated City
- Waterbody
- Unzoned LRA
- Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

Government Code section 51178 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

The State of California and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. Neither the State nor the Department shall be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any claim by any user or third party on account of, or arising from, the use of data or maps.

Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency
Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Data Sources:
CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZSRA23_3, FHSZLRA_25_1)
CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA25_1)
City and County boundaries as of 10/22/24 (CA Board of Equalization)