

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES  
ADOPTING THE STATE-RECOMMENDED FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAP**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 51178 the State Fire Marshal is required to identify areas in the State as Moderate, High, and Very High Hazard Severity Zones based on consistent statewide criteria and the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the state hazard maps are being updated to more accurately reflect zones in California that are susceptible to wildfire through the incorporation of new science in local climate data and improved fire assessment modeling in determining hazard ratings; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the zone designations, certain state wildfire mitigation regulations are required, including but not limited to building codes, defensible space, and real-estate hazard disclosures, as outlined in California Government Code Section 51175 et seq and California Civil Code 1102.19; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Fire Marshal transmitted the updated hazard zone recommendations on March 24, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 51178.5, the Town made the draft updated hazard zone recommendations available for public review and comment within 30 days of receiving them; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 51179(a), the Town must designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 51179(b)(3), the Town is prohibited from decreasing the level of fire hazard severity zone identified by the State Fire Marshal for any area within Mammoth Lakes, for example by reducing areas designated as very high fire hazard severity zones by the State Fire Marshal to moderate or high fire hazard severity zones; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council wishes to accept the hazard severity zone recommendations as provided by the State Fire Marshal; and

*The Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Does Ordain as Follows:*

**Section 1. Enactment.** The Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map recommended by the State Fire Marshal and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference is hereby adopted without amendment.

**Section 2. Summary Publication.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish a summary of this ordinance in accordance with the law.

**Section 3. Transmittal.** Pursuant to California Government Code Section 51179(c), and Title 14 California Code of Regulations § 1280.02, Town staff shall transmit a copy of this ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days of adoption.

**Section 4. Posting.** The official Town of Mammoth Lakes Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map will be published and available at [www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](http://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov). Pursuant to California Government Code Section 51179(g), Town staff shall post, or ensure that County staff have posted, a notice at the office of the Mono County Recorder, the Mono County Assessor, and the Mono County Planning Department identifying the location of the State Fire Marshal's Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council held on the 18th day of June 2025, and PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025.

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Chris Bubser, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

**Attachments:**

Exhibit "A" – Town of Mammoth Lakes Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map

**EXHIBIT "A"**

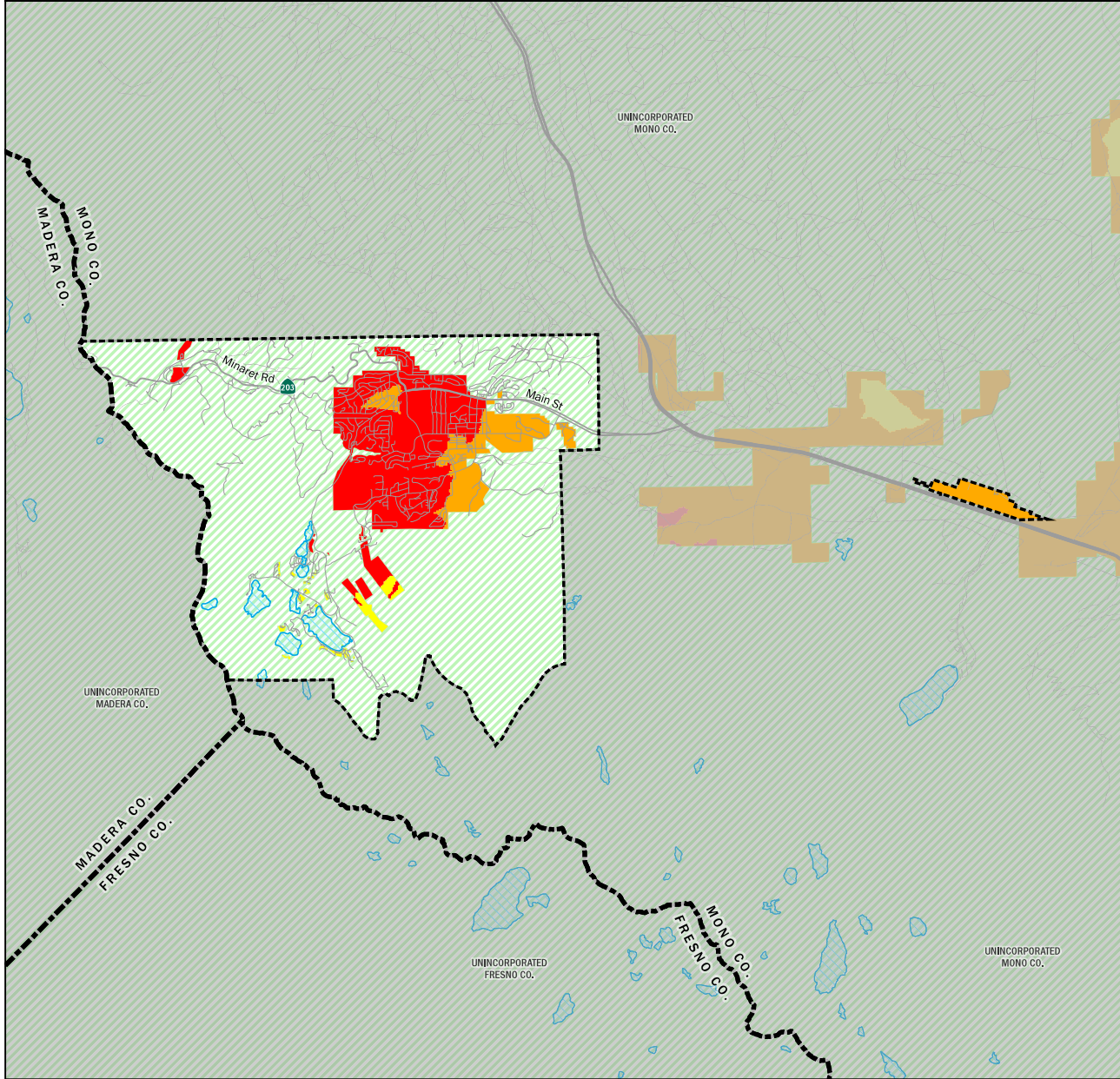
**Town of Mammoth Lakes Fire Hazard Severity Zones Map**



# Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the  
State Fire Marshal

March 24, 2025

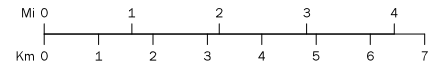


**Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal**

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: 1:90,000 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)