

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, private property owners in the City’s Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones are required to clear brush, flammable vegetation or other combustible material within 200 feet of structures or buildings, whether those structures are on the owner’s property or adjoining properties, and within 10 feet of any combustible fence or roadway/driveway used for vehicular travel; and

WHEREAS, brush clearance requirements are established in California Public Resources Code Section 4291 and Government Code Section 51182, and were put into place in 2008 with the adoption of SB 1595 (Kehoe) as a result of lessons learned from large wildfires in 2003 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, under current State law, the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) is not subject to brush clearance requirements; and

WHEREAS, MRCA property contains large amounts of brush and combustible materials, and current brush clearance requirements do not significantly address the threat posed by wildfires originating on their lands; and

WHEREAS, as recent events have shown, increased brush clearance requirements are needed to ensure wildfires do not have the fuel available to spread uncontrollably from wildlands into inhabited areas; and

WHEREAS, State law should be amended to require MRCA to clear brush on their lands, and increase the brush clearance distance requirements to 700 feet from buildings or structures on properties adjacent to MRCA land, unless the Fire Chief has determined that level of clearance is not required in a particular area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025 - 2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for and/or SPONSORSHIP of Legislation which would amend Public Resources Code Section 4291 and Government Code Section 51182 to require that the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) clear brush, flammable vegetation or other combustible material within 700 feet of structures or buildings within the City’s Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, whether those structures are on MRCA land or adjoining properties, unless the Fire Chief has determined this level of clearance is not required in a particular area.

PRESENTED BY:


JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:



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