



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R26-0395
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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE 7.1 TO CHAPTER 5 OF THE
LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO MAKE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES AND
INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE PORTIONS OF THE 2025 EDITION OF THE
CALIFORNIA WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE AND THE 2024 EDITION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 25-1363

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. This ordinance would add Article 7.1, known as the Los Angeles Wildland-Urban Interface Code (LAWUIC), to Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), and incorporate by reference portions of the 2025 edition of the California Wildland-Urban Interface Code (CWUIC) and the 2024 edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC).

On February 3, 2026, the City Council requested the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to amend the LAMC by adding the LAWUIC, which is based on the 2025 CWUIC and the 2024 IWUIC.

Background and Summary of Ordinance

Every three years, the State of California adopts building standards and regulations, which are codified in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 24). Title 24 consists of 12 parts, including the California Building Code, the California Residential Code, and the California Fire Code.

Until 2025, the CWUIC did not comprise its own separate section within Title 24. Rather, the provisions of the CWUIC were located in parts of the California Building Code, the California Fire Code, and the California Residential Code. In 2025, the state reorganized specific provisions of the California Building Code, the California Fire Code, and the California Residential Code to create the CWUIC.

The CWUIC establishes the minimum requirements for the safeguarding of life and property from the hazards of wildfire in designated wildland urban interface areas. To carry out enforcement activities, the City must adopt the CWUIC. The proposed LAWUIC adopts the CWUIC and portions of the IWUIC, and makes changes reasonably necessary due to local administrative, climatic, geological and topographical conditions, which changes are authorized by state law. The proposed LAWUIC will allow the City to provide consistent fire protection against wildfires unique to Southern California and Los Angeles.

Council Rule 38

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Los Angeles Fire Department with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Linda Nguyen at (213) 978-8393. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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