

MOTION

On February 6, 2025, the Governor signed Executive Order N-18-25 ordering the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, to create an ember-resistant zone within 0 to 5 feet of a home ("Zone 0 regulations"), consistent with Public Resources Code section 4291 and Government Code section 51182. This Executive Order also stated that the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection shall complete the formal rulemaking process by December 31, 2025.

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection is still deliberating these proposed rules and regulations. The City's Community Forest Advisory Committee continues to monitor the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection workshops and has expertise that is valuable in shaping the state's new regulations. The City's Community Forest Advisory Committee has also provided to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection their input on what these recommendations should include to best encapsulate the landscape in the City and the intent of AB3074 which established the ember-resistant zone within 0 to 5 feet of a home.

With the lack of guidance from the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, the City is left in a precarious position as it strives to protect residents, property, and the landscape that creates the City of Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Fire Department, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, to promulgate its own Zone 0 rules based on Option #4 of the Vegetation Options for Zone 0 and Option #2 of the Tree Options for Zone 0 found in the Summary of October Draft Zone 0 Regulation Language from the October 23, 2025 Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Zone Zero Regulatory Advisory Committee.

I FURTHER MOVE that Option #4 of the Vegetation Options for Zone 0 include language that allows plants in pots and other vegetation in Zone 0 but prohibits dead or dying plants, needles, leaves, weeds, and combustible mulches.

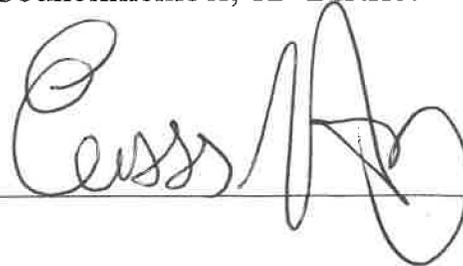
I FURTHER MOVE that Option #2 of the Tree Options for Zone 0 include language that allows well-maintained trees in Zone 0, and that branches must be 10 feet from chimneys, and include additional exceptions for trees protected by local ordinance.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney's Office effectuate these rules by the December 31, 2025 deadline set by the Governor's Executive Order N-18-25.

PRESENTED BY


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