

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to instructing the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), in consultation with the City Attorney, to develop local rules for fire-safe landscaping around homes to reduce wildfire risk and protect residents and property, consistent with the Governor’s Executive Order N-18-25.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Lee - Hernandez):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), 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, and that the following language be included:
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.

2. REQUEST 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On December 10, 2025, your Public Safety Committee considered a Motion (Lee - Hernandez) relative to instructing the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), in consultation with the City Attorney, to develop local rules for fire-safe landscaping around homes to reduce wildfire risk and protect residents and property, consistent with the Governor’s Executive Order N-18-25.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Public Safety Committee moved to approve the recommendations in the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE	YES
PRICE	YES
McOSKER	YES
SOTO-MARTÍNEZ	ABSENT
PARK	YES