

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Bradley J. Dandridge, Fire Chief

**DATE:** December 2, 2025

**SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the Annual Fire Inspection Report per Senate Bill 1205**

Description:

The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution acknowledging receipt of the annual fire inspection report for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution acknowledging receipt of the annual report for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, for fire inspections of certain occupancies as required by Senate Bill 1205 pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2, 13146.3, and 13146.4.

**BACKGROUND:**

The California State Fire Marshal’s Office requires that certain occupancies be inspected annually by the local fire department pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 to enforce current building and fire safety standards. These occupancies include hotels/motels, multi-family residences with three or more units, and K-12 public and private schools.

Senate Bill 1205 requires every city or county fire department, or district required to perform the State-mandated inspections to report compliance with the inspection requirements to their administering authority annually. The bill also requires the administering authority to acknowledge receipt of the report in a Resolution or similar format document. Senate Bill 1205 (Hill) was signed into law on September 27, 2018, adding Section 13146.4 to the Health and Safety Code.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Santa Maria Fire Department conducts annual comprehensive fire and life safety inspections of all State-mandated occupancies as outlined in Health and Safety Code

Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3, including schools, hotels/motels, and all known apartment complexes of three or more units.

In addition to the State-mandated inspections, the following are noteworthy accomplishments by Fire Prevention Bureau staff from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025: 1,097 plan reviews of construction-related projects; 788 construction-related inspections; 243 business license application reviews that resulted in 58 inspections of businesses; 37 fire code related complaints that required multiple inspections and follow up; 162 assembly occupancy inspections; 82 hazardous material occupancy inspections; 354 commercial occupancy inspections; 106 Title 19 (medical facilities, rehabilitation and counseling facilities, childcare facilities and home daycare) inspections; and 56 other type inspections. These inspections resulted in 624 follow up inspections. The bureau also conducted 128 fire investigations resulting in 14 arrests and issued 119 citations for illegal fireworks. The Emergency Services Specialist with support from the Fire Prevention Bureau and engine companies conducted 59 public education outreach programs resulting in contact with approximately 9,800 citizens.

#### Fiscal Considerations

There are no significant impacts to the general fund anticipated with this action.

#### Impact on the Community

The community benefits from annual inspections that ensure the minimum fire and life safety requirements are being met in accordance with Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 through 13146.4.

#### ATTACHMENT(S)

A. Resolution - Annual Fire Inspection Report 24-25