



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Fire Department annual presentation of the status of state mandated fire inspections.

1. Resolution recognizing the Glendale Fire Department's level of compliance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for September 10, 2024 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under California state law, the Fire Department must report annually its performance as it relates to conducting fire and life safety inspections on specified occupancies. Acknowledgement of this report by City Council in the form of a resolution is required under Senate Bill 1205.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the attached resolution recognizing the Glendale Fire Department's level of compliance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3.

ANALYSIS

California Senate Bill 1205 (SB 1205) was signed into law on September 27, 2018, after the tragic Ghost Ship Fire (December 2016) brought national attention to California and put a spotlight on fire safety laws as well as the performance of fire inspections. This law amends preceding law such that an annual report on state mandated inspections is now required to be submitted to the governing body of each jurisdiction having authority for inspections. The report must be acknowledged in a resolution or similar formal document. State mandated inspections were enacted by the California Health & Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 and requires all fire departments that provide fire protection services to perform annual inspections in every building used as a public or private school, hotel, motel, lodging house, apartment house, and certain residential care facilities for compliance with building standards. The California Health & Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 did not require fire departments to report or demonstrate compliance as the new law (SB 1205) does. The Glendale Fire Department is dedicated to protecting life and property through the highest level of service to the community. One way we provide essential risk reduction service to our community is through inspections. The Fire Department will provide City Council with a fire inspection report summarizing inspections activities on an annual basis. While there are no penalties identified in the law, adoption of the resolution will establish the City of Glendale's compliance with the new California health and safety code mandates.

Public and private schools are generally classified as Educational Group E occupancies. They are schools used by more than six persons at any one time, for educational purposes through the 12th grade. Within the City of Glendale, there are 50 Group E occupancies, buildings, structures, and facilities. During calendar year 2023, the Glendale Fire Department has completed 100% of the annual inspections for Group E occupancies, buildings, structures and/or facilities.

Hotels, motels, apartments (three units or more), residential care facilities and other residential occupancies that contain sleeping units are generally classified as Residential Group R occupancies. Within the City of Glendale there are 4030 Group R (and their associated sub-categories) occupancies. During calendar year 2023, the Glendale Fire Department has completed 99% of the annual inspections of Group R occupancies, buildings, structures and/or facilities.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

Not applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

This item is considered a ministerial activity and therefore, not subject to CEQA review.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Alternative 1: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff. Council approval of resolution is required to ensure compliance with Senate Bill 1205.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS
