



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030
IN-PERSON**

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

South Pasadena Public Safety Commission Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board, we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made today will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

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The South Pasadena Public Safety Commission Meeting will be conducted in-person from the Council Chambers, Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena.

The Public Safety Commission Meeting for **August 26, 2025**, will be broadcasted via zoom teleconference and will take place in-person.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair

Marcos Holguin

ROLL CALL

Chair

Marcos Holguin

Vice-Chair

Charley Lu

Commissioner

Bethesda Gee

Commissioner

Walter Cervantes

Commissioner

Armando Munoz

Commissioner

Dr. Stephen Sanko

Commissioner

Gabriel Reza

PUBLIC COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS

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- 1) Agenda item you are submitting public comment on.
- 2) Submit by no later than 6:00 p.m. August 22, 2025.

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1. **Public Comment**
None.

PRESENTATION

2. **Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Response Area**
Presentation: Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Response Area
3. **South Pasadena Police Department: NIBRS Report, June and July 2025**
Presentation: NIBRS Report, June and July 2025

ACTION/DISCUSSION

4. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of June 09, 2025**
Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of June 09, 2025

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. **City Council Liaison Communications**
None.

6. Staff Liaison Communications
None.
7. Commissioner Communications
None.

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC ACCESS TO AGENDA DOCUMENTS

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I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this notice of agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA, and the City's website at www.southpasadenaca.gov on August 22, 2025 as required by law.

August 21, 2025

Date



Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 2

DATE: August 26, 2025

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Response Area

Presentation: Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Response Area

Attachments:
Fire Hazard Severity Zones in Local Response Area

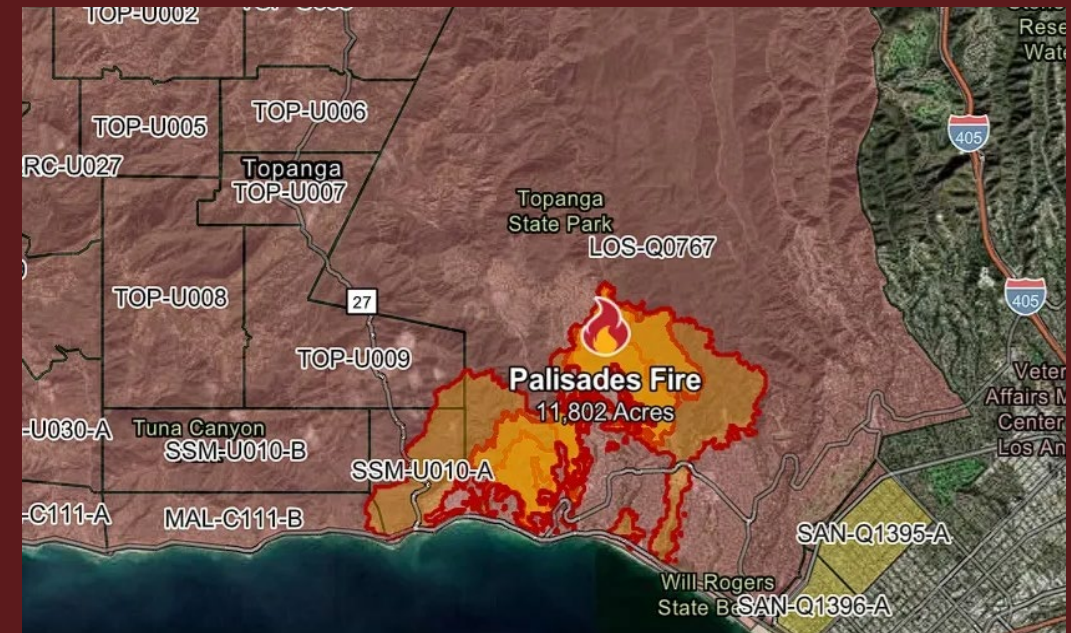
FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES IN LOCAL RESPONSE AREA

GREG LLOYD, FIRE CHIEF



PRESENTATION

- Introduction
- History of Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ's)
- Applicable Government Codes
- FHSZ for South Pasadena
- CAL FIRE Methodology and its application
- Recommendations
- Impact
- Insurance
- Importance



HISTORY OF FHSZ

- Resulting from significant fires
 - 1980 Panorama Fire*
 - 1991 Tunnel Fire (aka Oakland Hills fire)*
- 2021 SB63 requires all three zones to be published



GOVERNMENT CODES

- Public Resource Code 4202

The State Fire Marshal shall classify lands within State Responsibility Areas into Fire Hazard Severity Zones. Each zone shall embrace relatively homogeneous lands and shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors present, including areas where winds have been identified by the department as a major cause of wildfire spread. Encourage questions and provide thoughtful responses to enhance audience participation Use live polls or surveys to gather audience opinions, promoting engagement and making sure the audience feel involved

GOVERNMENT CODES

- Government Code 51178
- The State Fire Marshal shall identify areas in the state as Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, High, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather, and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

HAZARD MAP NOT A RISK MAP

- Based on the physical conditions that create a likelihood and expected fire behavior over a 30 to 50-year period without considering mitigation measures such as home hardening, recent wildfire, or fuel reduction on efforts
- Risk deals with the potential damage a fire can do under existing conditions accounting for mitigation efforts



CAL FIRE METHODOLOGY

Create inputs

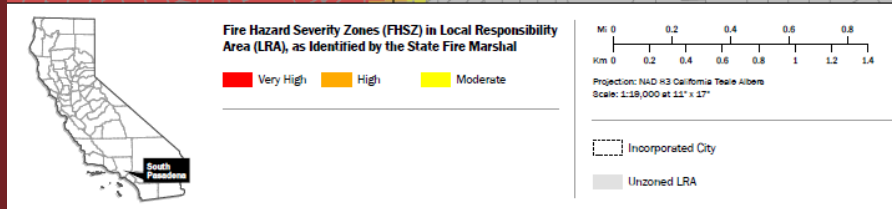
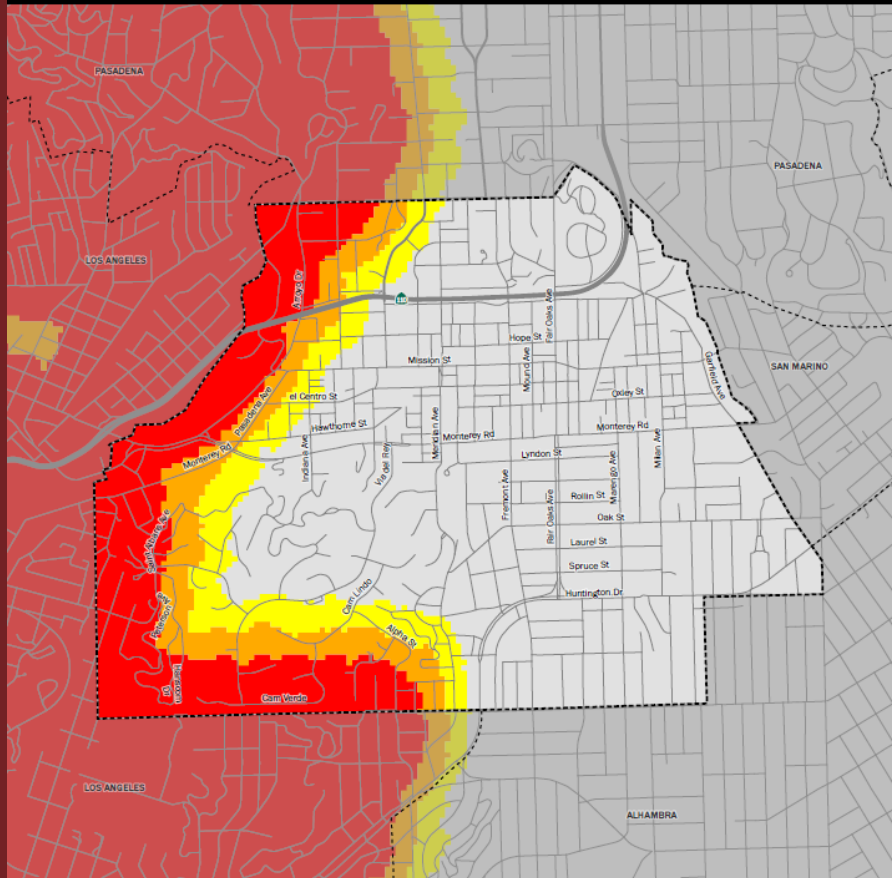
- Divide land between wildland and non-wildland areas
 - Wildland criteria - > 200 acres of contiguous fuel bed
 - Non-Wildland - Urban areas, agricultural, barren land and bodies of water.

Formula

- Wildland
 - Modeling based on topography, weather conditions, drought, and fuel type
- Non-Wildland
 - Looked at ember cast potential based on wind and proximity to adjoining wildland area

Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the
State Fire Marshal
March 24, 2025



Government Code section 51176 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

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Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency
Joe Tyler, Director, Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

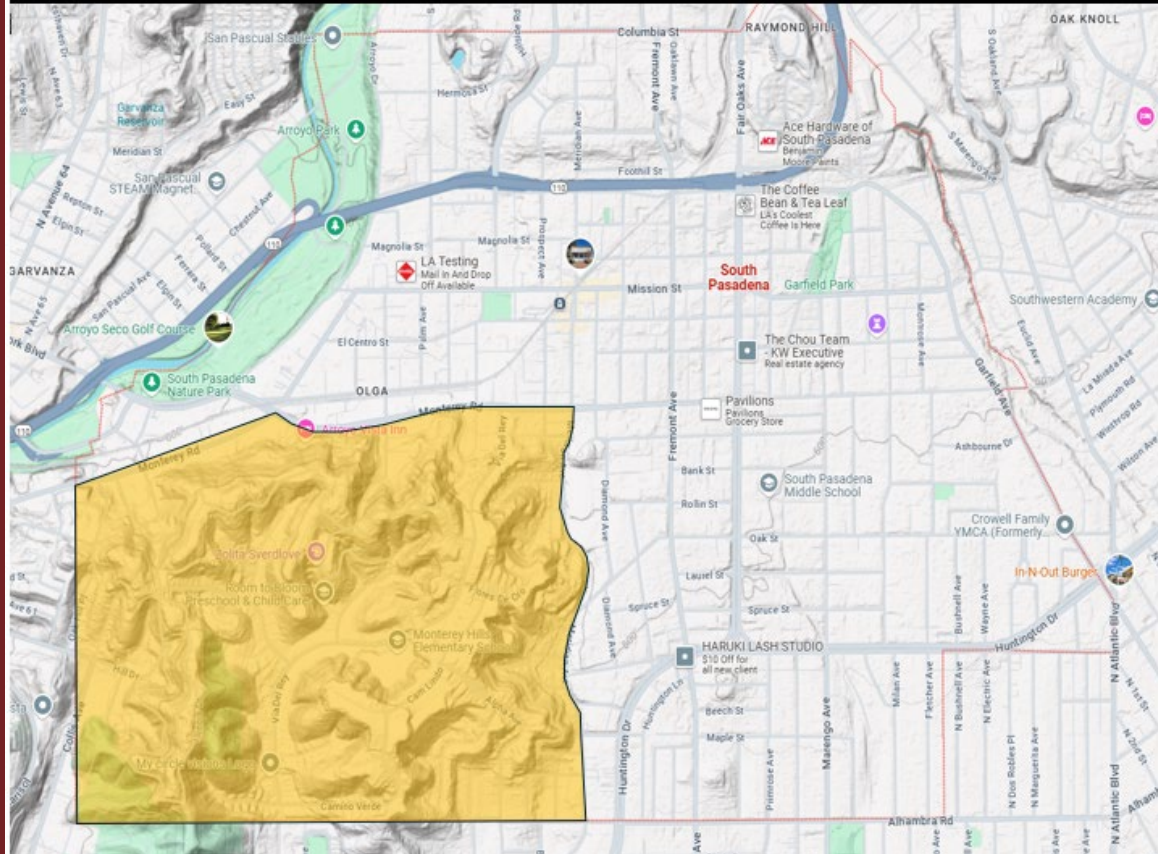
Data Sources:
CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZSRA23_3, FHSZLUA_25_1)
CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA26_1)
City and County boundaries as of 10/22/24 (CA Board of Equalization)

Current version released
3/24/25

Areas within South
Pasadena now designated
as Moderate, High and Very
High

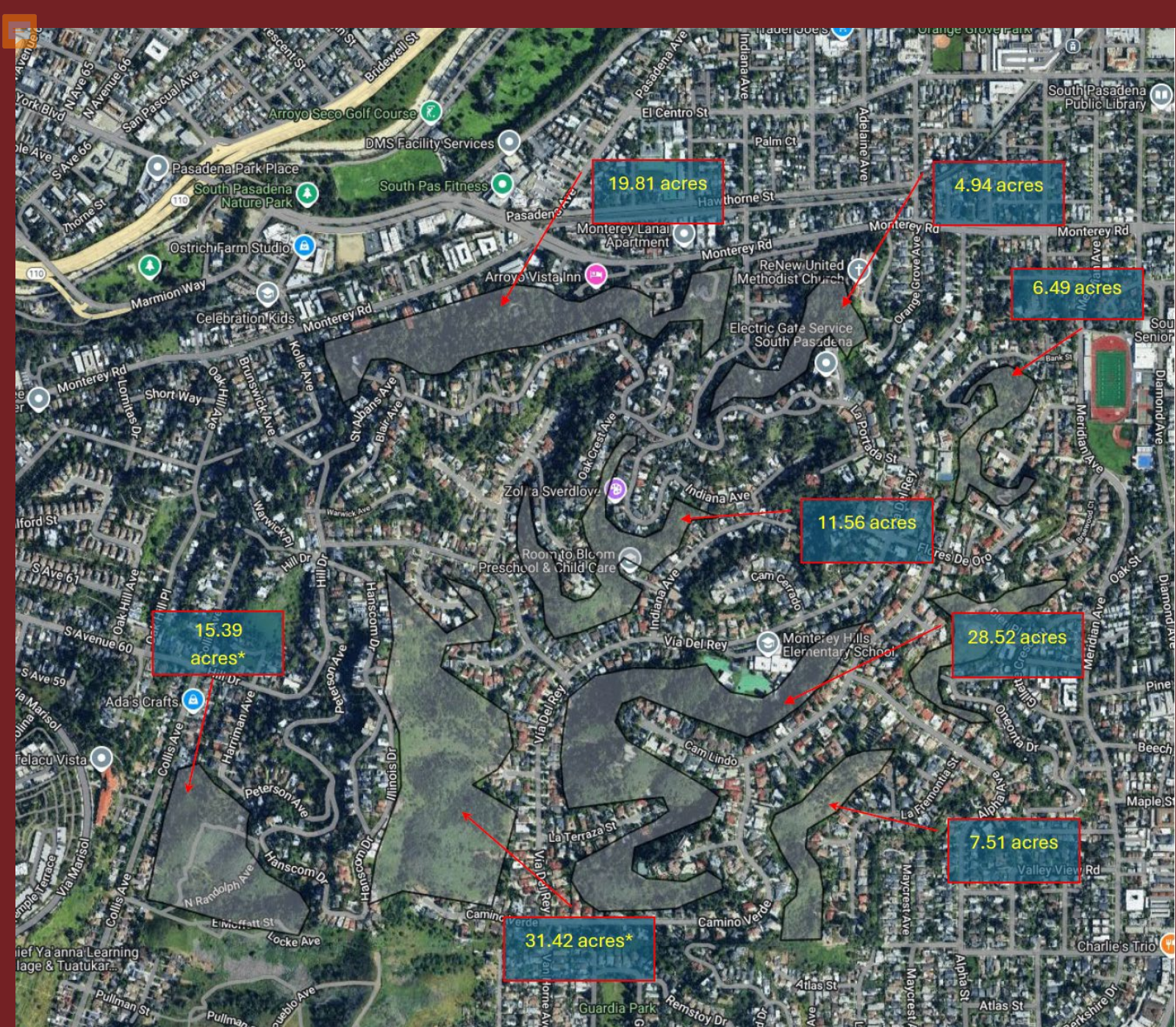
MAP AS ADOPTED BY SPMC 14.1

FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA SPMC 14.1



Considered High Fire Hazard
Severity Zone for several years

Codified in 2022 as part of the
Code Adoption Process
Ord. 2368



CONCERNS

*122 / 660 acres within
Monterey Hills not
accounted for*

REQUIREMENTS

Zone Designation	Requirements
Very High	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt FHSZ by ordinance <p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All new construction must use fire-resistive materials listed in Chapter 7A of CBC <p>Defensible Space Clearance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AB3074 Defensible Space Clearance Zones<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0-30 feet<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zero Zone 0-5 feet <p>Annual Defensible Space Inspections</p> <p>Real Estate Disclosure</p> <p>Subdivision Map Disclosure</p> <p>Safety Element Update</p>

REQUIREMENTS

Zone Designation	Requirements
High	<p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt FHSZ by ordinance <p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All new construction must use fire-resistive materials listed in Chapter 7A of CBC (effective 1/1/2026) <p>Defensible Space Clearance – 100' (existing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Real Estate Disclosure

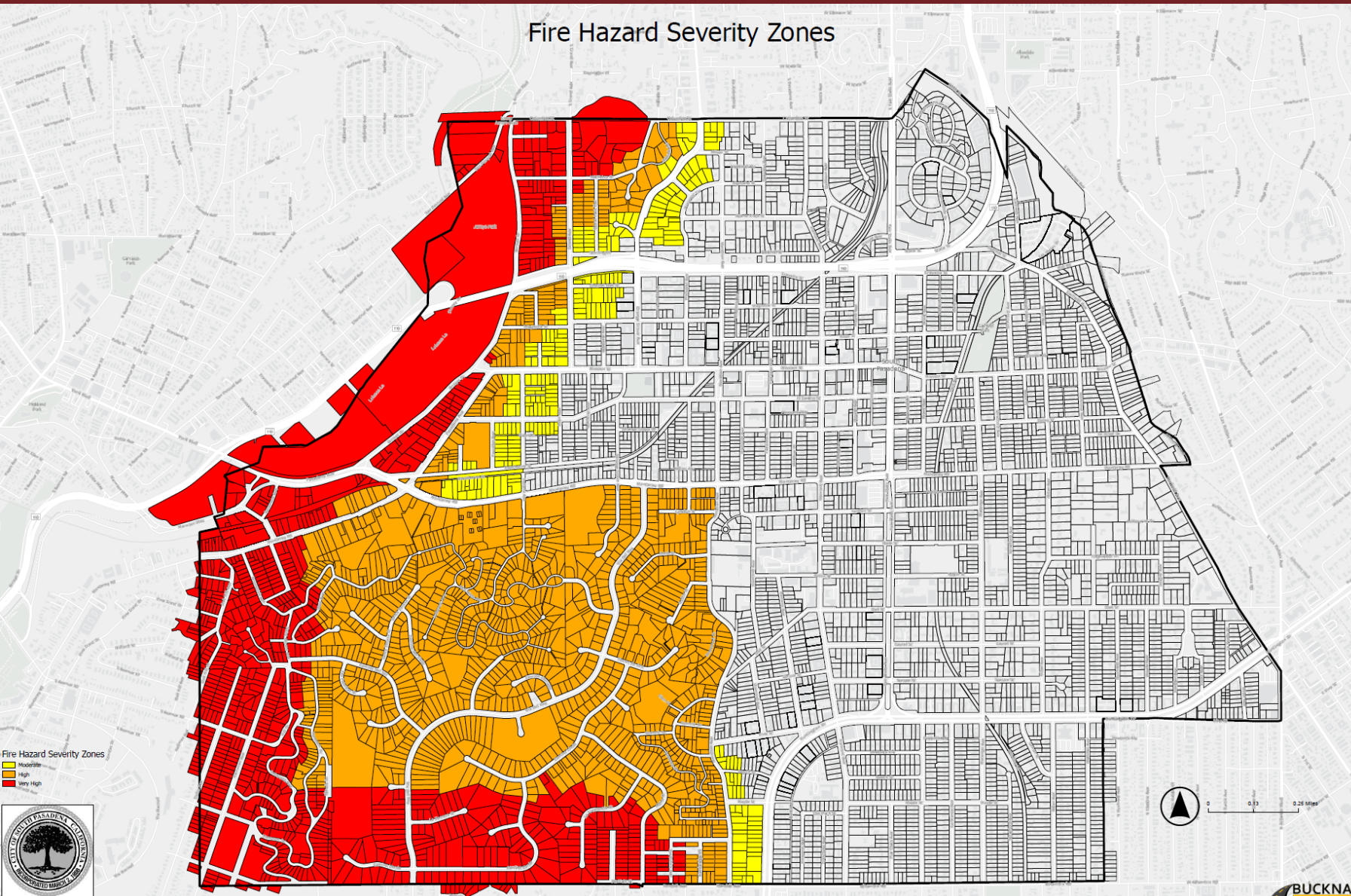


AB3074 – ZERO CLEARANCE ZONE

- Signed into law – January 1, 2023
- Goes into affect - January 1, 2026
- Key Requirements – Only in Very High FHSZ
 - *Zero Clearance of combustible materials withing 0-5 feet of buildings*
 - *New Construction compliance – January 1, 2026*
 - *Existing property compliance – January 1, 2029*

Details are still in development

LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO HAZARD MAP



COMBINED MAP

RED- VERY HIGH FHSZ
ORANGE - HIGH FHSZ
YELLOW - MODERATE FHSZ





IMPACT OF VERY HIGH AND HIGH FHSZ

1. Building Materials
2. Defensible Space Inspection requirements
 1. *High* - 100' defensible space
 2. *Very High* - 100' defensible space
 1. Clearance zones from 5'-30'
 2. 0'-5' no combustibles (Zero zone)
3. Real Estate Disclosure

IMPORTANCE

Importance of hardening home against wildfire has a two-fold benefit

- Preserving loss of life and property
- Preventing fire spread to adjacent homes

QUESTIONS?





Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 3

DATE: August 26, 2025

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police
Richard Lee, Detective

SUBJECT: South Pasadena Police Department: NIBRS Report, June and July 2025

Presentation: NIBRS Report: June and July 2025

Attachments:
NIBRS Reports: June and July 2025

South Pasadena Police Department

NIBRS REPORT

June 2025



Prepared by:

Richard Lee, Crime Analyst
Sharae Sandoval, Police Assistant

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police

**2025
NIBRS**

OFFENSE	May	June	% Change
Murder/Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	2	NOT CALCULABLE
Rape	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Sodomy	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Fondling	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Robbery	0	1	NOT CALCULABLE
Aggravated Assault	3	2	-33%
Simple Assault	11	5	-55%
Intimidation	1	2	100%
Arson	1	1	0%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0	-100%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	2	2	0%
Pocket-Picking	1	0	-100%
Purse-Snatching	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Shoplifting	7	7	0%
Theft from Building	6	0	-100%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	7	3	-57%
Theft From Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	1	2	100%
All Other Larceny	11	10	-9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	6	-50%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	1	NOT CALCULABLE
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	3	1	-67%
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	2	1	-50%
Impersonation	1	0	-100%
Identity Theft	0	2	NOT CALCULABLE
Embezzlement	0	1	NOT CALCULABLE
Stolen Property Offenses	2	2	0%
Vandalism	8	6	-25%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	9	12	33%
Drug Equipment Violations	6	10	67%
Statutory Rape	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Weapons Law Violation	1	0	-100%
TOTAL	96	79	-18%

South Pasadena Police Department
NIBRS
June 2025

Arrests

	May	June	% Change
Adult Arrests	43	42	-2%
Juvenile Arrests	0	0	NOT CALC

Citations

	May	June	% Change
Parking	442	326	-26%
Moving	268	136	-49%

Calls for Service

	May	June	% Change
Calls for Service	2,290	2,181	-5%

Traffic Collisions

	May	June	% Change
Fatal	0	0	NOT CALC
901T	6	6	0%
902	17	15	-12%
Hit-and-Run	0	0	NOT CALC
City Property Damage	1	1	0%
Total	24	22	-8%

South Pasadena Police Department

NIBRS REPORT

July 2025



Prepared by:

Richard Lee, Crime Analyst
Sharae Sandoval, Police Assistant

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police

**2025
NIBRS**

OFFENSE	June	July	% Change
Murder/Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	0	-100%
Rape	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Sodomy	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Fondling	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Robbery	1	3	200%
Aggravated Assault	2	8	300%
Simple Assault	5	4	-20%
Intimidation	2	0	-100%
Arson	1	0	-100%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	2	2	0%
Pocket-Picking	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Purse-Snatching	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Shoplifting	7	10	43%
Theft from Building	0	4	NOT CALCULABLE
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	9	200%
Theft From Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	2	3	50%
All Other Larceny	10	5	-50%
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	3	-50%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	2	100%
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	1	9	800%
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	1	2	100%
Impersonation	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Identity Theft	2	0	-100%
Embezzlement	1	0	-100%
Stolen Property Offenses	2	2	0%
Vandalism	6	6	0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	12	7	-42%
Drug Equipment Violations	10	7	-30%
Statutory Rape	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	NOT CALCULABLE
Weapons Law Violation	0	6	NOT CALCULABLE
TOTAL	79	92	16%

South Pasadena Police Department
NIBRS
July 2025

Arrests

	June	July	% Change
Adult Arrests	42	29	-31%
Juvenile Arrests	0	0	NOT CALC

Citations

	June	July	% Change
Parking	326	264	-19%
Moving	136	291	114%

Calls for Service

	June	July	% Change
Calls for Service	2,181	2,453	12%

Traffic Collisions

	June	July	% Change
Fatal	0	0	NOT CALC
901T	6	8	33%
902	15	18	20%
Hit-and-Run	0	8	NOT CALC
City Property Damage	1	0	-100%
Total	22	34	55%



Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 4

DATE: August 26, 2025

TO: Public Safety Commission

FROM: Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police
Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant

SUBJECT: **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of June 09, 2025**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of June 09, 2025

Attachments:

- A. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of June 09, 2025



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
VIA HYBRID / IN-PERSON
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 09, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Cervantes on Monday, June 09, 2025, at 9:34 a.m. in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr. Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Chair	Marcos Holguin
Vice-Chair	Charley Lu
Commissioner	Walter Cervantes
Commissioner	Armando Munoz
Commissioner	Dr. Stephen Sanko
Commissioner	Gabriel Reza

ABSENT

Commissioner	Bethesda Gee
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Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant, announced a quorum.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police, Merrill Ladenheim, Deputy Chief of Police, Shannon Robledo, Police Lieutenant, Davit Ghazaryan, Management Analyst, Kevin Tiet, Management Assistant were present at Roll Call.

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Greg Lloyd, Fire Chief, Omari Ferguson, Councilmember

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Councilmember	Omari Ferguson
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PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Public Comment

Yvonne LaRose made a public comment regarding the impact of recent federal orders on public safety, specifically impacting Los Angeles but with a possibility of affecting South Pasadena as well. She mentioned that Senator Perez had issued an informational brochure over the weekend regarding knowing your rights if apprehended by immigration authorities. She indicated that she had posted it on Facebook and will forward the web link of the brochure to the Public Safety Committee. She mentioned that “it is said that some of those who are part of ICE are current members of the proud boys who were part of the insurrection that happened in January 2020”. Mrs. LaRose said that as seen throughout the history of deportations, ‘it’s not only focused on Latinos, it’s across the board, all populations’. She indicated that she doesn’t feel safe and that she would like some input ‘on what we are going to do’. She said that ‘it appears SB 54 is not going to be sufficient’. She mentioned that the National Guard has been called and so have the Marines and according to her the Marines have the philosophy of “do what you’re told”. Mrs. LaRose said that she is scared, and she would like to know what ‘we need to do’ and how the Police Department and the first responders will be enforcing ‘our rights and our protections as we move forward’.

PRESENTATION

2. Public Works: Tree Ordinance Revision Presentation of the Tree Ordinance Revision.

Danielle Garcia, Water Conservation Management Analyst and Michael Vartanians, Principal Engineer, from the Public Works Department presented the Tree Ordinance Revision.

Commissioner Cervantes had a recommendation on the importance of having native trees around for the environment. He encouraged to have incentives for nurseries in the City to purchase more native trees. Mrs. Garcia agreed and mentioned that there is currently a water conservation rebate program for drought tolerant and native trees. Commissioner Sanko seconded the comments of Commissioner Cervantes and asked what the responsibilities for homeowners are for trees that are located between a sidewalk and a street. Mrs. Garcia responded that currently it is loosely incorporated in the current ordinance but with the proposed update it will be clear what the responsibilities are. She said that area is called the right of way public easement and if a removal of a tree in that area is necessary the City will cover those costs, but the maintenance of the tree is the responsibility of the property owner.

Commissioner Sanko asked about the fees related to the permitting process and was given that information. Michael Vartanians provided more information regarding fees related to permitting and appeals.

Commissioner Munoz asked about diseased trees and property owners’ responsibilities in relation to the removal of diseased trees. Michael Vartanians responded that with the new ordinance - diseased or dying trees that pose an imminent threat to life or property - the replacement requirement will be one tree. Meaning the City will ease the replacement requirements.

Commissioner Reza clarified the information provided regarding the radius of property owners responsibility. He also asked whether the same permitting process would apply if there is an emergency high wind event and was told that disasters will trigger expedited paths of permitting.

Chair Holguin asked about the timeline of collaboration with the Fire Department and their feedback. Danielle Garcia clarified the timelines of receiving feedback and presenting the finalized version to the City Council on July 16, 2025. Commissioner Sanko also encouraged the staff to get feedback from Fire Chief Lloyd.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

3. Public Safety Commission: Meeting Times

Consideration of changing meeting times of the upcoming Public Safety Commission Regular Meetings.

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police, spoke regarding adopting new Public Safety Commission meeting dates and times and asked Chair Holguin to lead the discussion with other Commissioners on what the best option would be for them and the public.

The City Council Chambers is available on last Tuesdays of each month and that was proposed as the new meeting day for Public Safety Commission Regular Meetings. Chair Holguin stated that he's open to proposals but one thing to consider would be that Mondays are hard for most Commissioners, and he mentioned that he'd prefer evening meeting times.

The new Public Safety Commission Regular Meetings proposed date would be every last Tuesday of each month at 5:30p.m.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Reza, seconded by chair Holguin proved by roll call vote, Item No.3 Public Safety Commission: Meeting Times as presented.

AYES: Chair Holguin, Commissioner Sanko, Commissioner Reza, Commissioner Cervantes, Commissioner Munoz

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Gee

ABSTAINED: None.

Motion passed.

4. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of April 14, 2025

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of April 14, 2025

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Sanko, approved by roll call vote, Item No.4 the Meeting Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

AYES: Chair Holguin, Commissioner Sanko, Commissioner Reza, Commissioner Cervantes

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Gee

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Munoz.

Motion passed.

5. **Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025**

Consideration of the minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Cervantes, seconded by Commissioner Reza, approved by roll call vote, Item No.5 the Meeting Minutes of the May 12, 2025 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting as presented.

AYES: Chair Holguin, Commissioner Sanko, Commissioner Reza, Commissioner Cervantes

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Lu, Commissioner Gee

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Munoz.

Motion passed.

INFORMATION REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. **City Council Liaison Communications**

None.

7. **Staff Liaison Communications**

Brian Solinsky, Chief of Police, advised that the Police Department and the City are very proud of their diverse heritage of South Pasadena where the rights of all individuals are respected. He indicated that it's the Police Departments goal that a safe community is provided for all the people that live, work or travel through South Pasadena. Chief Solinsky added that South Pasadena Police Department (SPPD) doesn't enforce immigration laws and that responsibility lies solely with the Federal authorities. He also mentioned that SPPD officers are currently deployed to the City of Los Angeles, purely for the purpose of ensuring public safety.

Chief Solinsky provided an update on the Departments staffing levels. He mentioned that the Department is almost fully staffed, and the recruitment is done to ensure a seamless transition as Officers retire.

Commissioner Munoz commended the Police Department for being almost fully staffed within two years.

Commissioner Cervantes asked Chief Solinsky for an update regarding new communication towers. Chief Solinsky responded that there haven't been any changes so far and that is a long term project but

it is looking promising per Congresswoman Chu's office. He added that an update is expected by the end of the summer, and it will be brought to the Commission.

Chair Holguin asked if there is an SPPD departmental police in relation to the Departments stance on immigration enforcement. Chief Solinsky responded that there is, in addition to the Department following SB 54, the Department has an internal policy that mimics that law which has been internally and externally peer reviewed, including by the Public Safety Commission. Chair Holguin asked if the policy is available for the public to review and was given the instructions on where it is located online on the Departments website.

Chair Holguin asked about the SPPD police officers' deployment to a Los Angeles and its impact on South Pasadena. Chief Solinsky responded that there will be no impact to Officers' availability to handle or respond to any calls for service. He added that there is a mutual aid requirement that the Department sends 50% of its on-duty force anytime mutual aid is requested. Based on the Departments new staffing levels, SPPD didn't have to pull from it's current on-duty staff and was able to call Officers that were off.

8. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Cervantes asked if the Chief of Police and the City's legal Department, given the current climate, can provide information to South Pasadena residents on what to do if they are detained by immigration authorities.

Commissioner Sanko echoed Commissioner Cervantes comments about the current state of fear immigrants and their family members experience.

Chair Holguin expressed his gratitude to his colleagues for being named Chair during the previous meeting and thanked Chief Solinsky for being invited to the recent badge pinning ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Chair Cervantes adjourned the meeting of the Public Safety Commission at 10:37 a.m., to the next Regular Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Kevin Tiet
Management Assistant

Walter Cervantes
Chair