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CAL FIRE RELEASES NEW FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAPS

Monterey, Calif. – CAL FIRE released new Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps for Central California on Monday, March 10, 2025. Fire Department staff is currently reviewing the updates and will provide more detailed information once the analysis is completed.


The new Fire Hazard Severity Zones now include Moderate and High Fire Severity Zones in addition to the existing Very High Fire Severity Zone. With the addition of two (2) new zones, the amount of acreage affected has significantly increased.

This table shows the increase in severity zone acres compared with 2011:

	Moderate Fire Severity Zone (NEW in 2025)	High Fire Severity Zone (NEW in 2025)	Very High Severity Zone (Updated 2025 data)	Very High Severity Zone (2011 data)
City of Monterey	511 acres	1,020 acres	1,220 acres	1,106 acres
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea	100	110	278	221
City of Pacific Grove	141	64	167	82
City of Sand City	26	0	0	0

The City has 120 days to adopt the new maps and begin applying the new regulations, including accepting public input. The City can adopt the maps as CAL FIRE released, or

(more)



increase the severity zoning of regions, however the City cannot decrease the zone acreage.

To view the CAL FIRE maps, visit:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6a9cb66bb1824cd98756812af41292a0>

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