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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SUNNYVALE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16.52 (FIRE  
CODE) OF TITLE 16 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION)  
OF THE SUNNYVALE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY  
REFERENCE THE 2019 INTERVENING CALIFORNIA  
FIRE CODE**

WHEREAS, the International Fire Code (“IFC”) is a model fire code that regulates minimum fire safety requirements for new and existing buildings, facilities, storage and processes; and

WHEREAS, the IFC is in use or adopted in 42 states and is published every three years by the International Code Council; and

WHEREAS, in California, the California Building Standards Commission (“CSBC”) is responsible for administering the implementation of the California building codes, and adopts the IFC with new statewide amendments every three years; and

WHEREAS, this adopted code is known as the California Fire Code (“CFC”) and is found in Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, and Title 24 is commonly referred to as the California Building Standards Code; and

WHEREAS, the State of California adopted the 2019 Intervening California Fire Code on July 1, 2020, and published the documents on July 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, all local jurisdictions are required to hold public hearings and adopt the Intervening California Fire Code with any local amendments by July 1, 2021, or accept by default the version adopted by the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyvale desires to amend Chapter 16.52 (Fire Code) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to adopt in its entirety without modification the Intervening California Fire Code for implementation before statewide default acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 16.52 AMENDED. Chapter 16.52 (Fire Code) of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

## Chapter 16.52

### FIRE CODE

#### **16.52.020. Adoption by reference**

The “2018 International Fire Code” in its entirety, along with Appendices B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, L, N as published by the International Code Council, Inc., and amendments to sections of the 2018 International Fire Code and Appendix O and the 2019 Intervening Fire Code Cycle Amendments adopted by the State Building Standards Commission in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 24, Part 9 known as the California Fire Code; is hereby adopted by reference, with changes and modifications as hereinafter set forth, as the Fire Code of the City of Sunnyvale.

**SECTION 2. STATUTORY REFERENCES, INCLUSIONS OF AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS.** Whenever reference is made to any portion of this ordinance, or of any other chapter or section of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, or of any other ordinance of the City of Sunnyvale, or of any law of the State of California, the reference applies to all amendments and additions now or thereafter made.

**SECTION 3. INTERPRETATIONS.** In interpreting and applying the provisions of this ordinance, the requirements contained herein are declared to be minimum requirements for the purposes set forth. The provisions of this ordinance, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing statutory provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations and not as new enactments. This ordinance shall not nullify the more restrictive provisions of covenants, agreements or other ordinances or laws, but shall prevail as to such provisions which are less restrictive.

**SECTION 4. CEQA - EXEMPTION.** The City Council finds, pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15308 (Class 8) Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment and Section 15305 (Class 5) Minor alterations in Land Use Limitations and Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the changes adopted will have a significant effect on the environment.

**SECTION 5. CONSTITUTIONALITY; SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision or decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption.

SECTION 7. POSTING AND PUBLICATION. The City Clerk is directed to cause copies of this ordinance to be posted in three (3) prominent places in the City of Sunnyvale and to cause publication once in The Sun, the official publication of legal notices of the City of Sunnyvale, of a notice setting forth the date of adoption, the title of this ordinance, and a list of places where copies of this ordinance are posted, within fifteen (15) days after adoption of this ordinance.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, and adopted as an ordinance of the City of Sunnyvale at a regular meeting of the City Council held on \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:  
RECUSAL:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk  
Date of Attestation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney