



City Council Agenda Item Staff Report

CITY OF SAN BRUNO

DATE: February 14, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Ari Delay, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Bruno
Acknowledging Receipt of the Annual Inspection of Certain Occupancies
Pursuant to Section 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and
Safety Code

BACKGROUND: The California State Fire Marshal's Office, under current law, requires that certain occupancies be inspected annually by local fire department pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3. These occupancies include hotels/motels, multi-family residences with 3 or more units, and K-12 public and private schools to enforce current building and fire safety standards.

After several multi-family apartment fatality fires in 2016 and 2017, including the December 2, 2016, "Ghost Ship Warehouse" fire that killed 36 people, a bay area news group collected eight years of data from 12 bay area fire departments and found that many schools and apartments were not being inspected annually as required by law. In 2018, State Senator Jerry Hill (San Mateo) introduced SB1205, a bill that would require every city or county fire department, city and county fire department, or district required to perform the State Mandated inspections, to report inspection results annually. Senate Bill 1205 (Hill) was signed into law on September 27, 2018, adding Section 13146.4 to the Health and Safety Code.

DISCUSSION: San Bruno Fire Department conducts a fire and life safety inspection program, which includes inspecting all state-mandated occupancies annually. The fire inspection cycle runs from January 1st through December 31st annually. The purpose of annual fire and life safety inspections is to mitigate known hazards, reduce risk to the community and ensure reasonable compliance with the California Fire Code. The San Bruno Fire Department utilizes an inspection records management system (RMS), to track the annual inspections and document observed code enforcement violations. These annual inspections are conducted on iPads eliminating problems associated with paper files and allowing violations to be documented in an electronic database.

Section 13146.2 of the California Health and Safety Code (HSC) mandates that the local fire department inspect all hotels, motels, lodging houses, and apartments consisting of three or more attached units annually. **In 2022, the San Bruno Fire Department inspected 100% of the 370 hotels, motels, lodging houses, and apartments consisting of three or more attached units identified in our records management system.**

Section 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code also mandates that the local fire department inspect all public and private schools once annually. **In 2022, the San Bruno Fire Department inspected 100% of the 25 public and private school locations identified in our records management system.**

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The action is not a project subject to CEQA. City Council's action is not considered a "Project" per CEQA Guidelines and therefore no further environmental analysis is required.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution and accept this report on the status of all 2022 state-mandated annual fire inspections in the City of San Bruno as required by California Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4.

ALTERNATIVES: There are no alternatives considered for this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. SB1205