

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF (TOWN OF, COUNTY OF, CITY AND COUNTY OF) _____, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER _____ TO DIVISION _____ OF THE _____ MUNICIPAL CODE (COUNTY CODE), RELATING TO PLACARDS USED TO DENOTE CONDITIONS RELATING TO CONTINUED OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AFTER A DISASTER.

The City Council (County Board of Supervisors of) of the City of (County of, City and County of) _____, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section 1. Chapter _____ is added to Division _____ of Title _____ of the City of (County of, City and County of) _____ municipal (county) code, to read:

Chapter _____ Post-disaster Safety Assessment Placards.

Sections:

- _____ Intent
- _____ Application of Provisions
- _____ Definitions
- _____ Placards

Section _____ Intent

This chapter establishes standard placards to be used to indicate the condition of a structure for continued occupancy after any natural or manmade disaster. The chapter further authorizes the Department of Building and Safety and the Department of Public works, as well as authorized representatives of those departments to post the appropriate placard at each entry point to a building or structure upon completion of a safety assessment.

Section _____ Application of Provisions.

(a) The provisions of this chapter are applicable, following each natural or manmade disaster, to all buildings and structures of all occupancies regulated by the City (Town, County, City and County) of _____. The Council (Board) may extend the provisions as necessary.

Section _____ Definitions.

(a) **Safety assessment** is a visual, non-destructive examination of a building or structure for the purpose of determining the condition for continued occupancy following a natural or manmade disaster.

Section _____ Placards.

(a) The following are verbal descriptions of the official jurisdiction placards to be used to designate the condition for continued occupancy of buildings or structures. Copies of actual placards are attached.

(1) **INSPECTED - Lawful Occupancy Permitted** is to be posted on any building or structure wherein no apparent structural hazard has been found. This placard is not intended to mean that there is no damage to the building or structure.

(2) **RESTRICTED USE** is to be posted on each building or structure that has been damaged wherein the damage has resulted in some form of restriction to the continued occupancy. The individual who posts this placard will note in general terms the type of damage encountered and will clearly and concisely note the restrictions on continued occupancy.

(3) **UNSAFE - Do Not Enter or Occupy** is to be posted on each building or structure that has been damaged such that continued occupancy poses a threat to life safety. Buildings or structures posted with this placard shall not be entered under any circumstance except as authorized in writing by the department that posted the building. Safety assessment teams shall be authorized to enter these buildings at any time. This placard is not to be used or considered as a demolition order. The individual who posts this placard will note in general terms the type of damage encountered.

(b) This ordinance number, the name of the department, its address, and phone number shall be permanently affixed to each placard.

(c) Once it has been attached to a building or structure, a placard is not to be removed, altered or covered until done so by an authorized representative of the department or upon written notification from the department.