

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 2022



To: City Council
From: Fire Department
Prepared by: Chris Cox, Assistant Fire Marshal
Subject: **Accepting State Mandate Annual Fire Inspections in Compliance with SB 1205**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council **ADOPTS** Resolution acknowledging receipt of a report made by the Fire Chief of Riverside County Fire Department regarding compliance with the annual inspection of certain occupancies pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code.

DISCUSSION:

The Governor signed Senate Bill 1205 (Hill) into law in September 2018 to address the issue of some fire departments failing to keep up with the statutorily required annual building inspections. By requiring annual reporting of their compliance to the local city council or board of supervisors, the bill is intended to apply local pressure for Fire Departments to complete the annual building inspections. The attached Resolution (**Attachment #1**) serves as the formal document to fulfill the annual fire inspection reporting requirements of SB 1205.

The annual building inspection and reporting must be conducted on two groups of occupancies, buildings, structures and/or facilities: Educational Group E and Residential Group R. Group E includes public and private schools used by more than 6 persons for educational purpose through the 12th grade. Group R includes hotels, motels, apartments (3 units or more), and certain residential care facilities.

During the time period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, the Fire Department identified one Group E and seven Group R occupancies, buildings, structures and/or facilities in the City of Indian Wells and completed 100% of the annual inspections at the identified occupancies, buildings, structures and/or facilities. The Fire Department will continue to assess, with the assistance of City Staff, the existing building stock and new development within the City to ensure that all applicable Group E and R buildings, structures and/or facilities receive an annual inspection in accordance with SB 1205.

# of Identified Facilities in Fiscal Year 2021-22		
Group E	1	1 (100%)
Group R	7	7 (100%)

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Health and Safety Code 13146