

RESOLUTION NO. 2025R-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHINO HILLS, OPPOSING SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD) RULES 1111 AND 1121 REGULATING AIR EMISSIONS FROM GAS-POWERED CENTRAL FURNACES AND FROM RESIDENTIAL-TYPE, NATURAL GAS-POWERED WATER HEATERS, RESPECTIVELY

WHEREAS, the South Coast Air Quality District (SCAQMD) is a regional air pollution control agency representing Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties with responsibility for regulating stationary sources of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the SCAQMD is considering two rules that would have a significant impact on Chino Hills' homeowners, renters and businesses: Rule 1111 would regulate air emissions from gas-powered central furnaces; and Rule 1121 would regulate air emissions from residential-type, natural gas-powered water heaters; and

WHEREAS, Rules 1111 and 1121 would impose \$20-plus billion in costs to consumers while providing minimal measurable air quality benefits for the four-county SCAQMD service area, which includes the City of Chino Hills; and

WHEREAS, these two rules would ban the use of natural gas-powered furnaces and water heaters in new construction, taking effect in 2026, further elevating construction costs and housing prices, thereby putting homeownership even further out of reach for many Chino Hills' residents. These rules would phase out existing natural gas furnaces and water heaters in existing single-family homes, multi-family housing, and businesses in 2027; and

WHEREAS, housing affordability throughout California is and will remain a top public policy priority for the foreseeable future. Local governments are being pressured to build more housing - specifically, housing that people can afford. Any regulations that increase these costs deserve careful scrutiny to ensure that the increased costs are met with an equal or greater amount of benefit to the consumer; and

WHEREAS, unlike most SCAQMD rules that regulate large stationary sources of air pollution like oil refineries and warehouses, Rules 1111 and 1121 specifically target individual homeowners, apartment buildings, and businesses large and small - meaning that the costs of these two rules will be directly borne by hard-working families and business owners; and

WHEREAS, Rules 1111 and 1121 would require apartment owners, homeowners and businesses to invest not only in expensive all-electric furnaces and water heaters but would also necessitate that they retrofit homes and businesses with expensive electrical panel upgrades, extensive new plumbing, and physical renovations to accommodate

compliant units - further raising the cost of new housing and likely pricing many potential homeowners and renters out of an already expensive market; and

WHEREAS, for apartment owners, the mandate to replace natural gas water heaters and furnaces with all-electric units is incredibly expensive. These significant costs will be passed down to tenants - leading to rent increases and placing additional financial pressure on renters in a region already struggling with housing affordability; and

WHEREAS, the SCAQMD's water heater and furnace mandates will impose a significant increase in electricity demand on California's electric grid. Transitioning to all-electric water heaters and furnaces means increased demand on an electric grid that has not proven capable of consistently meeting existing demand. Water heaters and furnaces are essential elements in any house, apartment or business. Millions of new electric water heaters and furnaces would draw power from the grid and raise the risk of power brownouts or outages.


NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHINO HILLS DOES RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Rules 1111 and 1121 will have a profound impact and impose significant costs on Chino Hills' homeowners, renters and businesses who are already struggling to make ends meet while providing minimal air quality benefit.

SECTION 2. The City of Chino Hills opposes Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 and urges the SCAQMD to indefinitely delay or cease consideration of these two anti-consumer regulations immediately.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED 28th day of January, 2025.


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ART BENNETT, MAYOR

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I, CHERYL BALZ, City Clerk of the City of Chino Hills, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2025R-003 was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Chino Hills held on the 28th day of January 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: BENNETT, JOHSZ, MARQUEZ, ROGERS

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: MORAN

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Chino Hills, California, on the day and year last written below.

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CHERYL BALZ, CITY CLERK

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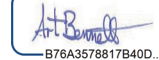
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