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Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ)

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The City of Laguna Niguel requires that new structures built within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), as shown in the figure below, comply with Chapter 7A (Materials and Construction Methods for Exterior Wildfire Exposure) of the 2022 California Building Code.

The intent of Chapter 7A is to provide additional building features to increase the ability of a structure to resist the intrusion of flames and wind-blown embers in the event of a wildland fire. Some of the more notable building standards contained in Chapter 7A is the use of:

- Boxed/Closed Roof Eaves
- Ember Protection on Class A Roof Tile Ends
- Tempered Windows
- Fire Rated Exterior Doors
- Smaller Roof and Attic Vents & Screens
- Ignition Resistant Construction Materials on Balconies, Decks and other Accessory Structures

Additional information regarding the various ignition resistant building standards and requirements of Chapter 7A can be obtained from the City's Building Official or your architect.



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City Adopted CAL FIRE 2011 Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map

