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TO: Santa Clara City Council

FROM: Jim McNulty, Planning Director

DATE: November 4, 2026

RE: City Code, Chapter 15.34, Geologic Hazards **(Public Hearing)**

The City Council adopted Ordinance #2026-19 on October 14, 2026. The adoption of this ordinance enacted Chapter 17.80, Sensitive Lands Overlay Zone SLOZ. City staff and the Hillside Committee worked to get the SLOZ adopted prior to City Ordinance #2026-07 expiring. This ordinance allowed for a temporary land use regulation/moratorium to be implemented within six-months.

The next step in the process includes the adoption of Chapter 15.34, Geologic Hazards. Currently, the City does not have a Geologic Hazards ordinance in place. Approval and adoption of this ordinance will promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens of Santa Clara City. Rick Rosenberg discussed this item with the City Council on October 14, 2026. The Council was in favor of this item proceeding to adoption.

A copy of the draft document has been included for review. The draft is based off the UGS model ordinance.

State Code Requirements:

Utah State Code, Section 10-3-707, includes requirements to codify a City Ordinance. To codify City Ordinance, the City Council must hold a public hearing. Additionally, a public hearing to consider an ordinance requires a 10-day notice which requires the date, time, and place of the public hearing. City staff have determined that all State Code requirements have been met with this application.

Recommendation:

City staff recommend that the City Council consider adopting City Ordinance #2026-22 to include the addition of Chapter 15.43, Geologic Hazards, to City Code.