

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UPLAND,
CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (SCAQMD) PROPOSED RULES 1111
AND 1121

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

WHEREAS, SCAQMD is considering two rules that would have a significant impact on residents and businesses in the South Coast region:

- Rule 1111 regulates air emissions from gas-powered central furnaces; and
- Rule 1121 regulates air emissions from residential natural gas-powered water heaters; and

WHEREAS, Proposed Rules 1111 and 1121 would impose substantial costs on homeowners, renters, and businesses while providing limited measurable air quality benefits for the four-county region covered by SCAQMD; and

WHEREAS, these rules would ban the use of natural gas-powered furnaces and water heaters in new construction beginning in 2026 and phase out existing units in 2027, requiring replacement with zero-emission electric appliances; and

WHEREAS, compliance with Rules 1111 and 1121 would require extensive and costly retrofitting of homes, apartments, and businesses, including electrical panel upgrades, new plumbing, and physical renovations; and

WHEREAS, the increased costs of transitioning from natural gas to electric heating appliances would be passed on to tenants by apartment owners, further exacerbating housing affordability issues in the region; and

WHEREAS, these regulations would increase demand on the electrical grid, which has already faced reliability issues, leading to greater risks of brownouts or power outages for millions of residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, unlike traditional SCAQMD regulations that focus on large industrial polluters, Rules 1111 and 1121 directly impact individual homeowners, renters, and small businesses, disproportionately burdening lower-income households.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Upland hereby finds, determines and resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council finds and determines that Rules 1111 and 1121 will impose significant financial burdens on residents and businesses while providing minimal air quality benefits.

Section 2. The City of Upland opposes the implementation of SCAQMD Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 and urges SCAQMD to indefinitely delay or cease consideration of these regulations.

Section 3. Compliance with California Environmental Quality Act. The City Council finds that this Resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")

pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Further, if the activity is deemed a project this City Council finds that this Resolution is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to send copies of this Resolution to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), the San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG), and other relevant agencies.

Section 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, or clause or phrase in this Resolution or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this Resolution or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each section irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, or phrases are declared unconstitutional, invalid, or ineffective.

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2025.

Bill Velto, Mayor

I, Keri Johnson, City Clerk of the City of Upland, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 10th day of February, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

ATTEST:

Keri Johnson, City Clerk