



California Building Standards

Introduction of Ordinances *2025 California Code of Regulations Title 24*

December 16, 2025

Background

California Code of Regulations, Title 24 Parts 1-12

- “California Building Standards” are the statewide standards for all public and private building construction in California.
- Includes Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Energy, Disabled Access, Green Building and other standards

Background

California's building standards are published in their entirety every three (3) years. The California Building Codes are included in this series of standards.



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- The 2025 California Building Standards (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) was published July 1, 2025.
- Effective date of the 2025 Code will be January 1, 2026 upon successful adoption.



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- Updated and adopted every three years for statewide application by the California Building Standards Commission, with mandatory enforcement by all jurisdictions throughout the state.
- Local jurisdictions may adopt additional amendments based upon local or regional topographical, climatic, or geologic conditions germane to each local entity.

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- Recent state legislation has pre-empted local jurisdictions from making new local amendments pertaining to residential construction until June 1, 2031 (with a few exceptions). (Health and Safety Code Section 17958.5)
- This update is meant to carry forward previously adopted amendments while keeping alignment with updated state code numbering.

Other Related Code Updates

The all-electric ordinance update will be addressed under separate ordinance.

The Fire Code adoption was addressed by the Fire Department under separate ordinance.

Recommendation

The Planning and Economic Development Department recommends that the Council:

1) introduce an ordinance adopting by reference, with local amendments, the 2025

- California Administrative Code
- California Building Code
- California Residential Code
- California Electrical Code
- California Mechanical Code
- California Plumbing Code
- California Energy Code
- California Wildland-Urban Interface Code
- California Historical Building Code
- California Existing Building Code
- California Referenced Standards Code
- California Green Building Standards Code

2) adopt a resolution setting a public hearing on January 13, 2026, for adoption of the ordinances.

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Questions?