



California Fire & Wildland-Urban  
Interface Code Introduction of  
Ordinances

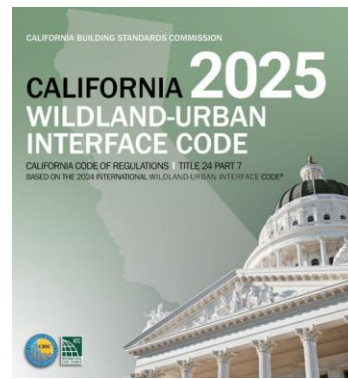
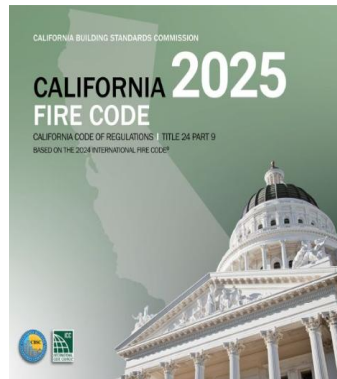
*California Code of Regulations Title 24*  
*(Part 9) 2025 California Fire Code*  
*(Part 7) 2025 California Wildland-*  
*Urban Interface Code*

City Council Meeting  
October 21, 2025

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# Purpose

- California's building standards are published in their entirety every three (3) years. The California Fire Code and new California Wildland-Urban Interface Code are included in this series of standards.



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

# Purpose

## **California Code of Regulations, Title 24 Parts 7 & 9**

- Includes Building, Fire, Vegetation Management and other standards.
- 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.
- AB 130 creates a 6-year moratorium on local amendments to building codes that apply to residential units.

# Collaboration

- Updates for the 2025 California Fire & Wildland–Urban Interface Codes were developed at biweekly Sonoma County Fire Marshal meetings.
- Workgroups focused on consistency to develop common amendments proposed for adoption and alignment with model codes in many of these jurisdictions.
- Participants included Santa Rosa FD, Petaluma FD, Healdsburg FD, Sebastopol FD, Sonoma County FPD, Rancho Adobe FPD, Sonoma Valley FPD and Rohnert Park Dept. of Pub Safety



# Process and Next Steps

- The final document was peer reviewed by all fire agencies listed as well as other industry professionals and private industry representatives.
- October 21, 2025 - Introduction of California Fire & Wildland–Urban Interface Codes and local ordinances
- November 18, 2025 - Public Hearing for Council adoption of the Ordinances, effective January 1, 2026.

# Recommendation

- It is recommended by the Fire Department that the Council
  - 1) Introduce an ordinance adopting by reference the 2025 edition of the California Fire Code as adopted and amended by the State of California, and further amended based on local conditions, for use in Chapter 18-44 and 18-46 of the Santa Rosa City Code, repeal existing sections not applicable to new codes and modify the Santa Rosa City Code to reflect the new model code.
  - 2) Introduce an ordinance adopting by reference, with local amendments, the 2025 California Wildland Urban Interface code.

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- 3) Approve the first reading and introduce an ordinance entitled 2025 Code Adoption.
- 4) Adopt a resolution setting a public hearing on November 18, 2025, for adoption of the ordinances.

# QUESTIONS?

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