



# **California Building Standards**

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

January 13, 2026

# 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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# Background

- 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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## California Code of Regulations, Title 24 Parts 1-12

- 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.

# Background

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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

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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) Adopt an ordinance 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



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