

Adoption of the California Building Standards Code and Local Building and Fire Amendments

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BACKGROUND

- Adopt and amend where necessary the latest California Building Standards Codes
 - 2025 California Building Code
 - 2025 California Residential Code
 - 2025 California Fire Code
 - 2025 California Electrical Code
 - 2025 California Plumbing Code
 - 2025 California Energy Code
 - 2025 California Mechanical Code
 - 2025 California Existing Code
 - 2025 California Historical Code
 - 2025 California Green Building Standards Code
 - 2025 California Administrative Code
 - 2025 California Referenced Standards Code



DISCUSSION

- Pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5 and 18941.5, the City is able to amend certain provisions due to the following conditions with limitations due to AB 130:

Climatic

Geological

Topographical



DISCUSSION

A few notable State Code changes:

Continued
increase in
safety and
energy
efficiency
requirements

Updates to the
battery
storage
requirements

Updates to the
Electric Vehicle
Charging
Stations
requirements



DISCUSSION

Carried forward MBMC amendments:

- Continue to limit the maximum duration of permits for construction projects
- Continue to clarify when fire sprinklers are required for all structures
- Continue to prohibit the use of wood shakes and wood shingles for new or re-roofs



DISCUSSION

Carried forward MBMC amendments:

- Continue the requirements for undergrounding or stubbing out for utilities
- Allow non-corrosive plastic building materials in residential construction.
- No local modifications to sustainable building measures to align with the current State Green Building Standards



DISCUSSION

Some notable MBMC amendments:

- No modifications to the local municipal code amendments adopted by City Council on September 16, 2025
- Removal of the local fire code amendment for the definition of high-rise building of 55 feet to be consistent with State Building Code



DISCUSSION

lastly...

The majority of the local amendments are carried forward from the previous joint effort by 89 jurisdictions within LA County and update the structural requirements due to potential hazards.

EARTHQUAKES

GEOLOGICAL

CLIMATIC

WIND

TOPOGRAPHICAL



- Email distributed to the Community Development Department's email list.
- Copies of the Ordinances, Resolutions, and referenced Codes available to review at the City Clerks office for at least 15 days prior to public hearing.
- Notice of the public hearing was published in the Beach Reporter for two successive weeks (10/30 and 11/6).



RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct a Public Hearing and adopt:

- Ordinance No. 25-00009 – Building Codes
- Ordinance No. 25-00010 – Fire Code
- Resolution No. 25-0118 – Building Codes
- Resolution No. 25-00019 – Fire Code

