

Local Adoption of the Latest California Building Standards Code



SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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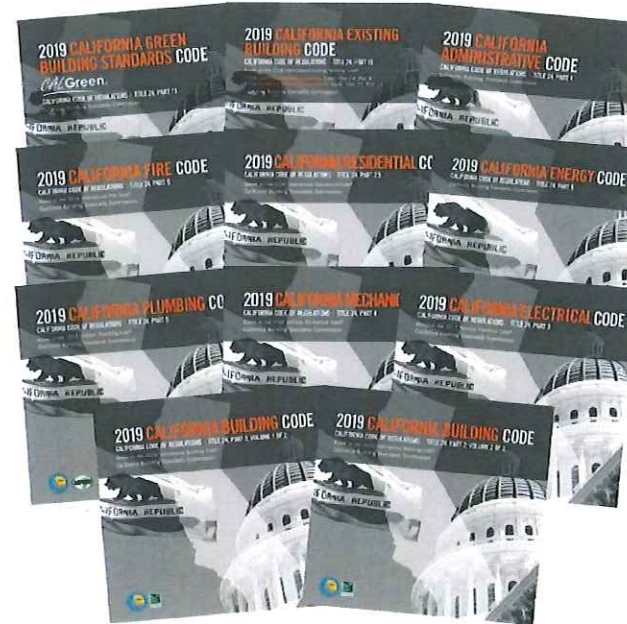
CODE ADOPTION PROCESS

- ❖ Building Standards Code (“Codes”) are laws governing the construction of residential & non-residential buildings and structures
- ❖ Every 3 years the California Building Standards Commission is charged with publishing & adopting the State Building Codes.

BUILDING CODES

- ❖ The current HBMC Title 17 “Building and Construction” is based on the 2016 California Building Codes.
- ❖ The new State Codes going into effect are the **2019 California Building Codes**.

The new 2019 California Building Codes





EFFECTIVE DATE FOR NEW CODES

- ❖ January 1, 2020 has been established as enforcement date for the 2019 California Codes (known as the Title 24 Building Regulations).
- ❖ The State Law, requires cities and counties to adopt the most recently published building codes.
- ❖ Local jurisdictions may amend building standards if such amendments are justified on the basis of a local geological, topographical or climatic condition.
- ❖ Local amendments may not reduce a building standard below the model state code requirement.
- ❖ Code amendments which are administrative in nature do not need to be supported with findings.



AMENDMENTS

- ❖ Amendments have been reduced to reflect the minimum intent of the Codes
- ❖ Most changes are editorial and re-adoption of the previous Ordinances
 - ❖ Building Security
 - ❖ Methane District (same as the Fire Department)
- ❖ Amendments are the same as other neighboring cities
 - ❖ Building permits to expire in 1 year (rather than 6 months to match AB 2913)



CITY OUTREACH

- ❖ The Building Division is proactively notifying architects, engineers, developers, builders, and the general public of the upcoming codes.
- ❖ Notifications will also be sent to:
 - ❖ Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce
 - ❖ Commercial Real Estate Development Association
 - ❖ Building Industry Association of Orange County



TRAINING & PREPARATION EFFORTS

- ❖ Technical Information for the Staff:
 - ❖ Internal Training by Technical Staff
 - ❖ Supplemental Technical Trainings by outside organizations such as CALBO, ICC, etc.

- ❖ Technical Information for the Public:
 - ❖ Design and Construction Checklist
 - ❖ Information Bulletins
 - ❖ Guidelines
 - ❖ Handouts



RECOMMENDATION

- ❖ Approve introduction of Ordinance No. 4190 codifying the 2019 California Building Codes and modifications to HBMC Title 17
- ❖ Adopt a Resolution making findings and determinations relating to the amendments to the Building Standards Code provisions, where appropriate
- ❖ Set public hearing date and the adoption of the Ordinance on November 18, 2019



Thank You