



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE 2019
CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE (CFC)
WITH LOCAL AMMENDMENTS

Background

- The California Building Standards Code is updated on a triennial cycle and includes the CFC.
 - California Fire Code is Title 24, Chapter 9
- Office of the California State Fire Marshal has adopted the 2019 CFC as published by the California Building Standards Commission
- Basis of the CFC is the 2018 International Fire Code.

Background

- The City traditionally proposes certain modifications to address local needs and adopts the CFC by reference in the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 17.56.

Local Amendments

- Most amendments are “carry over” with no changes from last code cycle
- Four new amendments proposed
- Seven amendments repealed - streamlining code requirements and review process

Proposed Amendment Example

◎ 901.6.3 Records

- Clarified that all reports of inspection, test, and maintenance (ITM) shall be submitted electronically
- Rationale: HBFD uses The Compliance Engine; all reports are submitted online

Amendments Repealed

- Amendments in last code cycle not carried forward
 - 1) 105.4 Construction Documents. Code has sufficient language.
 - 2) 510.6.1 Testing and proof of compliance. Due to Compliance Engine, do not need to post ERRCS results next to Fire Alarm Control Panel.
 - 3) 901.6 Inspection, testing, and maintenance. Code amended language regarding gas detection system.
 - 4) 901.6.2.2 Requirement to add fire alarm tag. Due to Compliance Engine, need for alarm tag is not required.
 - 5) 901.2.1.8 Requirement to include Group B. Removed in order to achieve alignment with the California Building Code.
 - 6) 5703.3.3.3 Heating, lighting and cooking appliances. Single family housing exception addressed in 2019 code.
 - 7) 5705.3.7.5.1 Ventilation. Exception not needed for natural ventilation.

Recommendation

- Adopt the proposed ordinance to repeal the current Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 17.56 and replace it according to the attached ordinance.