

2025 TRIENNIAL BUILDING STANDARDS CODE UPDATE: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND A RESOLUTION MAKING NECESSARY EXPRESS FINDINGS FOR LOCAL AMENDMENTS

Community and Economic Development
Fire Department

City Council
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BACKGROUND

California Building Standards Code

1. Building Standards Commission adopts new codes based on national "model" codes every 3 years
2. CA Code of Regulations, Title 24 – the "California Building Standards Code" has 13 parts including Building, Fire codes, and various others
3. Enforced through local and state agencies (HCD, OSHPD, SFM, etc.)



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BACKGROUND - CONTINUED

Local Amendments Permitted

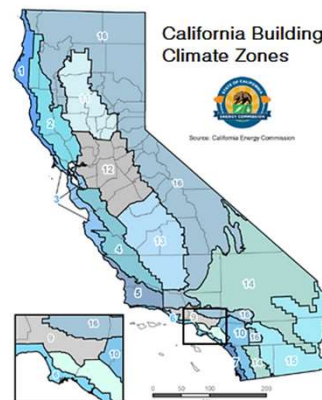
Local agencies may amend the technical building standards if specific conditions exist

- Must make express findings through Resolution
- Must be more restrictive than state codes
- Three justifications for local amendments

Climatic

Geological

Topographical



Administrative local amendments exempt from these requirements

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BACKGROUND - CONTINUED

City of Riverside Local Amendments

- **Building & Safety:** Administrative Amendments
- **Fire Prevention:** Administrative and Technical Code Amendments
- All local Building and Fire Code amendments reside in **RMC Title 16, Buildings and Construction**

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BACKGROUND - CONTINUED

Modifications to RMC

Ordinance
adopting the
2025 Edition of
California Code
of Regulations
Title 24
(including local
amendments)

Ordinance
amending Title 16
– Chapter 16.04
through 16.80

Ordinance
amending Title
1 – Chapter 1.17
– Administrative
Code
Enforcement
Remedies



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DISCUSSION

Sequence of code adoption events:



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. **Introduce a Resolution** making the necessary express findings to support local amendments to the 2025 edition of California Code of Regulations Title 24, the California Building Standards Code; and
2. **Introduce and subsequently adopt Ordinances:**
 - a) Adopting the 2025 Edition of the California Code of Regulations Title 24, the California Building Standards Code with local amendments thereto;
 - b) Amending Chapter 1.17 of the Riverside Municipal Code, Administrative Code Enforcement Remedies; and
 - c) Amending Chapter 5.59 of the Riverside Municipal Code, Fire Alarm Systems



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