

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION
TO BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
REGARDING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 11
(HCD 01/25)**

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 11. The HCD is proposing building standards related to 2025 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **March 27, 2026**, until midnight on **May 11, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

Email: cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 11, 2026**:

California Building Standards Commission

Attention: Public Comments

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Sacramento, CA 95833

All written comments received are considered part of the public record and will be made available for public inspection via [CBSC's website](#). Public comments may include personally identifiable information (PII) such as name, email address or mailing address. Interested persons are not required to submit their PII to comment on this rulemaking. However, any PII submitted is subject to posting on the publicly accessible [CBSC website](#) without redaction. Also, only comments received in an accessible format will be viewable on CBSC's website. Non-accessible comments will be listed on the website and made available upon request. Any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, may request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the

public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.5. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17921, 17928, 18938.3, 18941.5, 18944.19, 19984, 19990; Government Code Section 12955.1; and Vehicle Code Section 22511.2.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17921, 17928, 17958.12, 18941.10, 18941.11, 19990; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code, sections 17040 respectively require HCD to adopt building standards for employee housing for "... the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare of employees and the public, governing the erection, construction, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, occupancy, use, sanitation, ventilation, and maintenance of all employee housing;" and provide for specified exceptions.

Health and Safety Code, sections 17921 and 17958.12 respectively authorize HCD to propose the adoption, amendment, or repeal of building standards to the CBSC; and sets forth HCD's authority to propose the adoption of a building standard to authorize local enforcement officials to issue retroactive building permits.

Health and Safety Code, section 17928 requires HCD to review and propose green building standards that HCD determines to be cost effective and feasible to promote greener construction.

Health and Safety Code, sections 18938.3, 18941.5 and 18941.10 respectively require HCD to propose adoption of building standards based on the most recent version of specified model codes; authorizes cities/counties to adopt more restrictive building standards due to local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions; and authorizes HCD to propose adoption of mandatory building standards related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Health and Safety Code, section 18941.11 requires HCD to research, develop and propose for adoption mandatory building standards for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in existing multifamily dwellings, hotels and motels during

specified retrofits, additions, and alterations to existing parking facilities for which a permit application is submitted on and after the effective date of those building standards.

Health and Safety Code section 18944.19 requires HCD to research and develop, and propose for adoption, mandatory building standards for short-term and long-term bicycle parking in multifamily residential buildings, hotels, and motels.

Health and Safety Code Section 18949.5 transferred authority to adopt, or review and approve building standards to CBSC for specific state agencies.

Health and Safety Code, sections 19990 and 19984 respectively requires HCD to adopt building standards and related regulations for factory-built housing; and for these building standards to be published in the California Building Standards Code.

Government Code, sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1 address housing discrimination by identifying unlawful practices; require specified building features providing accessibility and use by persons with disabilities; authorizes HCD to propose the adoption, amendment, or repeal of certain applicable building standards to provide accessibility and use by persons with disabilities; and provides definitions for “covered multifamily dwellings” and “multistory dwelling unit” for use in interpretation of section 12955.1.

Vehicle Code, section 22511.2 requires parking spaces served by electric vehicle supply equipment or designated as a future electric vehicle charging space to be counted as at least one standard automobile parking space for purposes of complying with local minimum parking space requirements.

Summary of Existing Regulations

The 2025 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, CALGreen, Part 11, became effective on January 1, 2026.

Existing CALGreen building standards specifically related to the proposed changes:

- Includes mandatory and voluntary building standards
- Includes section renumbering and reference updates to outdated standards.
- Provides section renumbering to the Residential Occupancies Application Checklist.

Summary of Effect

- Amendments are proposed to clarify Electric Vehicle (EV) charging in new and existing multifamily buildings, hotels, and motels.
- Harmonize with newly adopted provisions in section 4.106.4.3, which were in response to Assembly Bill 1738.
- Section renumbering is being proposed to separate requirements for EV charging for new construction, EV charging for additions and alterations, and bicycle parking. The intent of these amendments is to provide clarity and a distinction between different provisions.
- In response to P-01-24 submitted by CARE, HCD coordinated with the California

Building Standards Commission to propose an “informational note”, which directs the code user to the CalRecycle webpage for preparing and diverting waste materials.

- At the request of the California Energy Commission, modifications are proposed to heating and air-conditioning system design equipment requirements. These modifications remove outdated references and direct the code user to the most current requirements in the California Energy Code (Title 24, Part 6).
- Amendments to the Residential Occupancies Checklist are proposed in Section A4.602 to reflect changes proposed for mandatory and voluntary sections of the CALGreen Code in this package.

There is no intended change in regulatory effect. Assembly Bill 130 (Chapter 22, Statutes of 2025) places strict limitations on what the state can consider during this Intervening Code Adoption Cycle, including the categories of amendments that are permitted during the Intervening Code Adoption Cycle pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 18942(a)(2). HCD has determined that the proposed changes are permissible under HSC section 18942(a)(2)(A) pertaining to technical updates to existing code requirements that are needed to effectuate or facilitate their incorporation or implementation since they are “clarifying, conforming, or coordinating changes that do not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing code provisions”.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

These regulations do not conflict with federal law or regulations.

Policy Statement Overview

The purpose of the CALGreen Code is to improve public health, safety, and general welfare by enhancing the design and construction of buildings through the use of building concepts promoting greener construction, that have a positive environmental impact, and encourage cost-effective sustainable construction practices in the following categories: planning and design; energy efficiency; water efficiency and conservation; material conservation and resource efficiency; and environmental quality. The CALGreen Code also includes standards designed to address unique California conditions.

HCD is proposing a series of amendments that will provide additional clarity for the code user. These proposals have been harmonized based upon several pre-cycle meetings and comments received from stakeholders. HCD has determined that the proposed changes are permissible under AB 130, HSC, section 18942(a)(2)(A).

Evaluation of Consistency

HCD has determined that the proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state laws or regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).

None.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

HCD has determined that the proposed regulatory action **WOULD NOT** impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO**

HCD has determined that the amendment will have no fiscal effect since there is no intended change in regulatory effect and the proposed amendments do not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing code provisions.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

HCD has made an initial determination that the **ADOPTION** of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

HCD has determined that these proposals are necessary for clarity and conformance of existing regulations and do not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing regulations. As indicated in the Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement (399) documents and the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) which are part of this rulemaking, these proposals do not pose an economic impact on businesses.

No facts, evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence has been relied upon to support the initial determination of no effect.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

HCD is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).

The HCD has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

A. The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

These regulations will not affect the creation, or cause the elimination, of jobs within the State of California.

B. The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

These regulations will not affect the creation of new businesses, or cause the elimination of existing businesses, within the State of California.

C. The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

These regulations will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

D. The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

HCD has determined this amendment to regulations will not affect the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

HCD has assessed the proposal regarding the economic impact of recordkeeping and reporting requirements and has determined that a report pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.3(c) is not required.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

HCD has made an initial determination that this proposal will not affect housing costs.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

HCD has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by HCD or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of HCD would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by HCD or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of HCD would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the [CBSC website](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC): [dgs.ca.gov/BSC](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC).

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons, once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or at the [CBSC website](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC): <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC>.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

HCD shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law. The statement shall note that providing the accessible description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON FOR PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed

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**PROPOSING STATE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE OR
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUILDING
STANDARDS**

Specific questions regarding the substantive or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

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