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TO: LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENTS
STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS
INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: 2022 California Building Standards Code – Now Available

This Information Bulletin announces the publication of the 2022 California Building Standards Code, the effective date and application of the codes, availability, as well as enforcement responsibility.

The 2022 California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations (Title 24) will be published on or before July 1, 2022, and is now available for purchase.

Effective Date and Application of the 2022 California Building Standards Code

January 1, 2023, is the statewide effective date for the 2022 California Building Standards Code as established by the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC). In accordance with California Health and Safety Code, Section 18938.5, all applications for building permits submitted on or after January 1, 2023, are subject to compliance with the 2022 California Building Standards Code.

The 2019 California Building Standards Code remains in effect and is applicable to all plans and specifications related to construction performed where the application for a building permit is received on or before December 31, 2022.

Availability of the 2022 California Building Standards Code

The 2022 edition of Title 24 may be purchased from the following publishers:

- International Code Council (ICC)
Parts 1, 2, 2.5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12
[ICC Online Store](http://shop.iccsafe.org): shop.iccsafe.org
Telephone: ICC Store (800) 786-4452
- International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)
Parts 4 and 5
[IAPMO Online Store](http://www.iapm-membership.org): www.iapm-membership.org
Telephone: (909) 472-4208
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
Part 3
[NFPA Online Store](http://www.nfpa.org): www.nfpa.org
Telephone: (800) 344-3555

The thirteen parts of Title 24 may be accessed through the [California Building Standards Commission website](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC/codes) <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC/codes>.

Enforcement Responsibility

Title 24 is the minimum standard established in law for the design and construction of buildings and structures in California. State law mandates that local governments enforce these regulations or enforce local ordinances containing qualified reasonably necessary and generally more restrictive building standards than those provided in the California Building Standards Code.

Exceptions are building standards applicable to hospitals, state buildings, public schools and colleges, and other occupancies that are subject to enforcement by state agencies. For detailed information regarding enforcement responsibilities refer to Part 1 of Title 24 and Chapter 1 of most Parts of Title 24.

References in law pertaining to enforcement responsibility include, but are not limited to, Health and Safety Code Sections 17950, 17958.7, 17960, 18938 and 18941.5. Additional information may be found in CBSC's guide, [It's your Building Department](#). This guide was developed to aid elected officials and executive managers of local governments in understanding the roles and responsibilities of their building departments which are established in state law.

Amendment by Local Ordinance

Local ordinances that amend Title 24 building standards are subject to requirements of California law and must be ratified and filed for each triennial edition of Title 24. Generally, local ordinances must implement standards which are more restrictive than the building standards approved/adopted by the CBSC. Local ordinances containing building standards must be filed with CBSC, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, or the State Historical Building Safety Board, as appropriate, before they are effective and operative. CBSC's [Information Bulletin 22-02](#), being issued shortly, contains additional information and resources to assist local jurisdictions with local ordinance filing requirements.

References in law pertaining to local ordinance adoption include, but are not limited to, Health and Safety Code Sections 13143.5, 17950, 17958, 17958.5, 17958.7, 18938, 18941.5 and 18959. The [Local Code Ordinances webpage](#) on CBSC's website has a number of helpful resources including the 2022 edition of the [Guide for Local Amendments of Building Standards](#), examples of ordinances that were filed in accordance with state law, and the updated [California Code Adoption for Local Jurisdictions](#) video.

2022 Title 24 California Code Changes

Please see CBSC's 2022 Title 24 California Code Changes document (or web page) for details of California code changes in the individual parts of Title 24 that were amended by state agencies during the 2021 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle. They will be listed by chapter, agency, and sections within each part, as appropriate. This information will be made available as both a downloadable PDF document and on the [CBSC Resources webpage](#) in the coming weeks. Please note that for the 2022 edition of Title 24 ICC has changed the page number format of specified California codes to align with the numbering used by ICC for 2021 edition of model codes. Additionally, three recently issued NFPA Tentative Interim Amendments to the 2020 National Electrical Code, that were not included in the 2022 California Electrical Code, may be viewed in [BSC Info Bulletin 22-03](#).

Questions or comments regarding the subject of this information bulletin should be directed to CBSC's staff at (916) 263-0916 or via email at cbsc@dgs.ca.gov.

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