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## **CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION INFORMATION BULLETIN 19-07**

**DATE:** December 18, 2019

**TO:** LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENTS  
STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS  
INTERESTED PARTIES

**SUBJECT:** 2019 California Building Standards Code: Triennial Code  
Adoption Cycle Errata

The purpose of this information bulletin is to notify code users of error and format corrections being made to the 2019 California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations [Cal. Code Regs.], Title 24). A summary of noteworthy topics specific to these errata are discussed below. Additionally, this bulletin explains the purpose and application of errata.

These changes are going to be published as errata (buff-color pages) to various parts of the standards, and become effective and enforceable January 1, 2020, to coincide with the effective date of the 2019 California Building Standards Code. Errata will be issued for the following Title 24 Parts:

- Part 1 - California Administrative Code
- Part 2 - California Building Code, Volumes 1 and 2
- Part 2.5 - California Residential Code
- Part 3 - California Electrical Code
- Part 4 - California Mechanical Code
- Part 5 - California Plumbing Code
- Part 9 - California Fire Code
- Part 10 - California Existing Building Code
- Part 11 - California Green Building Standards Code

### **Background**

The 2019 edition of the California Building Standards Code (13 Parts) was published on or before July 1, 2019 and is now available. Since publication, efforts have been made to ensure that all items that underwent rulemaking in the code adoption cycle are correctly represented in the 2019 publication, and that regulations carried forward are accurately placed. Additionally, grammatical and spelling errors, erroneous references, and other minor misprints that have been identified by users and publishing staff are corrected with this Errata, both for model code language and for California amendments. Errata can be issued at any time because there is no commission action necessary to promulgate them. The objective is to ease interpretation issues and enhance understandability in the use of the codes.

## Errata

When corrections are necessary to resolve an error such as spelling or numerical mistakes that do not establish new code requirements, errata are issued on buff-colored paper. Errata may also include items that were erroneously omitted from printing but were completed during a previous rulemaking cycle. Errata, like supplements, are published by the respective code publishers (see page 4). Like a supplement, errata are published with instructions concerning the code pages to be removed and replaced, and contain a History Note Appendix listing the effective date. A sample of an issued erratum is shown in our [Guide to Title 24](#).

## Noteworthy Topics

**Part 2:** In Section 202, restore amendment definitions for “rugged equipment” and “step,” and remove the model definition for “high-rise building,” to carry forward previous amendments. Correct an Exception in Section 406.3.1, regarding private garages. Tables 504.3 and 504.4 are corrected to carry forward previous accurate entries. Table 506.2 is corrected to restore a previous footnote for “height increase” in lieu of “area increase.” Carry forward previous amendment regarding “occupancy posting” in Section 1004.9. Correct occupancy group name within Exception of Section 1005.7.2. Carry forward previous 2013 amendment in Section 1011.6, Exception 2, for R-3 occupancies. Chapter 31 Matrix Adoption Table is corrected to show accurate BSC adoption. Other editorial corrections are also made throughout Part 2.

**Part 2.5:** The building width is corrected in Table R602.7(1) to properly reflect model code text. Several editions of Referenced Standards are corrected, as well as the restoration of text for NFPA 70-17. Appendix V Matrix Adoption Table is corrected to show accurate BSC adoption. Other editorial corrections are also made.

**Parts 3, 4, and 5:** Minor editorial and format corrections to Matrix Adoption Tables and some sections of code language.

**Part 9:** Multiple corrections are made to Section 507.5 to accurately reflect the prior rulemaking for exceptions to fire hydrant location requirements. Correct numerous exceptions in Section 905.3.1 to properly reflect current model code text. Sections 915 and 1004 are corrected to include prior amendments that were not carried forward. Section 1010.1.9.8 is corrected to include qualified Group E conditions, per previous amendment. Section 5603.2 is corrected to include “sale” in list of triggers for a transaction record, per previous amendment. Revise Chapter 80, Section 23.8.1.2.1.1, NFPA 72-16, to carry forward previous amendments, including both model and California text. Appendix Chapter H is revamped to correct removed model text, and to reorganize the H4 Maintenance Records Forms to include California amendments brought forward from prior rulemakings. Many entries throughout the code correct “California” Fuel Gas Code to “International” Fuel Gas Code. Other editorial corrections are also made.

**Part 10:** In Section 202 the definition of “building” is corrected to reflect a prior amendment carried forward. In Section 305 an amendment is restored from a previous rulemaking concerning access for existing buildings. A portion of Section 407 model text is correctly removed from a previous rulemaking. Corrections are made to Chapter 16 entries, including ASCE/SEI 41-17 (reference California Building Standards Commission October 7, 2019 informal notification). Other editorial corrections are also made.

**Part 11:** A number of references and website addresses are corrected, as well as other editorial corrections.

### **Enforcement Responsibility**

The requirements within the California Building Standards Code establish the minimum regulations for the design and construction of buildings and structures in California. State law, in various cases, mandates that local government enforce these regulations and any local ordinances with qualified reasonably necessary and generally more restrictive building standards than provided for in the California Building Standards Code.

Exceptions for enforcement are for building standards applicable to hospitals, state buildings, public schools and colleges that are subject to state agency authority. For detailed information regarding enforcement responsibilities, refer to Chapter 1, Division 1 of the 2016 California Building Code (Cal. Code Regs., Title 24, Part 2.).

### **Amendment by Local Ordinance**

Local ordinances amending the California Building Standards Code are subject to requirements of California law. Ordinances generally must be more restrictive than the building standards approved/adopted by the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC). These amendments must be filed, as appropriate, with either CBSC, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the State Historical Building Safety Board, or the California Energy Commission.

Local amendments made to the California Energy Code (Cal. Code Regs., Title 24, Part 6) must be submitted to the California Energy Commission as required by Section 10-106 of the California Administrative Code (Cal. Code Regs., Title 24, Part 1).

CBSC developed a [Guide for Local Amendments and Filings of Building Standards](#), which is available on its website for download or printing by navigating to the [Resources webpage](#). Additionally, CBSC in cooperation with the International Code Council developed the [California Code Adoption for Local Jurisdictions webinar](#) available on YouTube. CBSC also issued [Information Bulletin 19-05](#) relative to local government amendments adopted via ordinance, that addresses filing with and acceptance by CBSC prior to enforcement.

### **Effective Date and Application of the 2019 California Building Standards Code**

January 1, 2020 is the statewide effective date established by CBSC for the 2019 California Building Standards Code. All applications for a building permit that occur on or after January 1, 2020 are subject to compliance with the 2019 edition of the California Building Standards Code.

The 2016 California Building Standards Code remains in effect and is applicable to all submitted permit applications, where such application for a building permit is received on or before December 31, 2019.

### **Availability of Supplements and Errata to the 2019 California Building Standards Code**

Supplements and Errata to the 2019 California Building Standards Code are available on CBSC's website on the [Codes webpage](#). If you register your purchase of the 2019

edition of Title 24 with the publisher, supplements (blue pages) and errata (buff-colored pages) will be sent to you automatically by the publishers. They can also be viewed through the following publisher websites:

- Publisher: [International Code Council](#) (ICC)
- Publisher: [International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials](#) (IAPMO)
- Publisher: [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA)

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