



ADOPTION OF THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES

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- Model Building Codes are published by private entities, such as the International Code Counsel, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and National Fire Protection Association.
- The California Codes are printed and published by the State every three years.



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- State Law requires the California Codes become effective throughout the State 180 days after publication.
- State Law allows local jurisdictions to make amendments to the California Codes, based on local climatic, geological and/or topographical conditions.
- New California Codes were published July 1, 2025, and become effective January 1, 2026.
- County is proposing local amendments to the Building and Plumbing Codes, within the published California Codes.



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The ordinance proposed to the Board of Supervisors adopts by reference the following codes:

- Building
- Residential
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Plumbing
- Energy
- Historical
- Wildland-Urban Interface
- Existing Building
- Green Building
- Administrative
- Reference Standards
- International Swimming Pool and Spa
- International Property Maintenance



SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES FROM CURRENT PROVISIONS

- The Building Code includes the Exemption for grading not exceeding 100 cubic yards.
- The Plumbing Codes have the following differences for Water Wells:
 - Increases separation of private disposal systems from 50 feet to 100 feet.
 - Increases separation between wells and private disposal systems (which discharge more than 5,000 gallons per day or more) from the current 100 feet to 200 feet.



Thank You