



**Land Use Services Department**  
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# Adoption Of The 2019 California Building Codes

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- Model Codes are published by private entities, such as ICC, IAPMO and NFPA
- Published every 3 years
- The State of California adopts these codes and makes amendments and modifications
- The California Codes are printed and published
- State Law requires these codes to become effective throughout California 180 days after publications
- State Law allows local jurisdictions to make amendments to the California Codes, based on local climatic, geological and/or topographical conditions

- California Codes were published July 1, 2019
- The codes will become effective January 1, 2020
- Proposed amendments for our County is mostly carrying over amendments made previously to State codes

The proposed ordinance adopts by reference the following California and other codes:

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

## **BUILDING CODES:**

- No significant changes

## **ENERGY CODE:**

- **Residential:**
  - Greater insulation requirements
  - Tract developments (5 or more homes) require solar panels
- **Non-Residential:**
  - No significant changes

## Grading Permit Requirement:

- Threshold increased from 50 cubic yards to 100 cubic yards

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**QUESTIONS?**