

CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2020

Beginning on January 1, 2020, each California City is required by State law to enforce the 2016 Edition of California Building Standards Codes (a.k.a., Title 24 of the California Codes of Regulations). All projects submitted before or on December 31, 2019 are permitted to comply with the 2016 Edition of the California Building Standards Code.

Every three years, the State adopts new model codes (known collectively as the California Building Standards Code) to establish uniform standards for the construction and maintenance of buildings, electrical systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, and fire and life safety systems. Sections 17922, 17958 and 18941.5 of the California Health and Safety Code require that the latest edition of the California Building Standards code and Uniform Housing Code apply to local construction 180 days after publication.

The California Building Standards Code consists of the following 13 parts:

- Part 1 California Administrative Code (CAC)
- Part 2 California Building Code (CBC)
- Part 2.5 California Residential Code (CRC)
- Part 3 California Electrical Code (CEC)
- Part 4 California Mechanical Code (CMC)
- Part 5 California Plumbing Code (CPC)
- Part 6 California Energy Code (CEEC)
- Part 7 (Currently Vacant)
- Part 8 California Historical Building Code (CHBC)
- Part 9 California Fire Code (CFC)
- Part 10 California Existing Building Code (CEBC)
- Part 11 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)
- Part 12 California Reference Standards Code

All architects, engineers, designers, developers, owners and contractors MUST be familiar with the codes in effect at the time of plan submittal. The City of Orange, as required by State law, CANNOT approve projects that do not comply with the codes in effect at the time of plan submittal. All projects submitted before or on December 31, 2019 are permitted to comply with the 2016 Edition of the California Building Standards Code.

For additional training information related to the 2020 Edition of California Building Standards Code, please visit the following organizations:

- California League of Building Official (CALBO) - www.calbo.org
- International Code Council (ICC) - <http://www.iccsafe.org/>
- Los Angeles Basin Chapter of ICC - <http://www.icclabc.org/>
- Green Technology - www.green-technology.org
- California Building Industry Association (CBIA) - www.cbia.org
- American Institute of Architects (AIA), California Council - www.aiacc.org
- California Energy Commission's Online Learning Center - www.title24learning.com