



The City of



Development Services

FACT SHEET

2022 Building Code Adoption

Proposed Local Amendments

The City of San Diego proposes local amendments to the Municipal Code necessary to implement the 2022 California Building Standards Code which will be effective January 1, 2023. Local amendments are effective after approval by the City Council and final passage of ordinances necessary to codify updates to the Municipal Code.

Local standards necessary to implement the building permit process can be found in chapters 5, 9, 11, 12 and 14 of the Municipal Code.

The proposed code amendments are primarily editorial in nature. Additionally, we propose updates in response to standards enacted by recent State legislation.

Summary of Significant Changes

The following is a list of significant code changes:

- **Update Dangerous Building Criteria** Various updates to the in Section 121.0403 to align with the California Existing Building Code.
- **Manufactured Home/Factory Built Housing** Editorially update Section 129.0202 to clarify that a Building Permit is require for the installation of a Manufactured home, only Factory Built housing is addressed, they are different.
- **Update Building Permit Exemptions** Section 129.0203 (a) #17, 21 to address replacement of exterior doors to be treated similar to windows when the rough opening and weather protection is not altered.
- **Initial Utilization Period** Editorially correct Section 129.0219 (a) to harmonize with the State required 1-year initial utilization period for Building Permits in Section 129.0216.
- **Efficiency Dwelling Unit** Update Section 145.1208 due to code renumbering from 1207 to 1208 and removal of increased floor area per occupant over 2 which was not enforceable.
- **Geotechnical Investigation** Correct inadvertent errors in triggers for Geotechnical Investigations adopted for 2010 CBC to for retaining walls supporting surcharge with hazardous materials.
- **Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone** retain broader local spark arrestor requirement for chimneys
- **Emergency Housing.** Updated the sunset date for consistency with the Government Code.
- **Electrical** [Information Bulletin 22-03: NFPA Tentative Interim Amendments](#) considered but not proposed to be adopted since reflective of current enforcement to be adopted in 2026.

Questions/Comments

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