



2019 Santa Barbara County Building Standards Code Amendments

Proposed Amendments to
Chapter 10 of the
Santa Barbara County Code

2019 California Building Standards Code

- California Building Standards Codes are updated every 3 years by the State Building Standards Commission.
- Every City and County in the State adopts these regulations for local building code implementation.
- Building and Safety Division of Planning and Development is responsible for Building Regulations.
- Santa Barbara County adopts State Building Codes by amending Chapter 10 of the County Code (Building Regulations).



2016 California Building Standards Code Local Amendments

- Administrative amendments do not require specific local conditions.
- More restrictive amendments to the code are permitted based on local geographic, topographic and climatic conditions.



Proposed Local Amendments to 2019 State Building Standards Code

Ongoing *existing* amendments for adoption:

- Administrative changes to Santa Barbara County Building Code
- Construction requirements for High Fire Hazard Zones
- Designation of high wind regions in Gaviota region
- Existing local structural amendments



Proposed Local Amendments to 2019 State Building Standards Code

Revised Amendments:

- Increase the number of months to begin construction from 6 months to 12 months.
- Set a minimum threshold of 50% replacement to trigger fire hazard construction requirements.

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New amendment:

- Require emergency escape from sleeping rooms in basements even if fire sprinklers are provided .

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Staff Recommendations:

1. Consider the introduction of an ordinance, Case No. 19ORD-00000-00007, amending Chapter 10, Building Regulations of the Santa Barbara County Codes by adopting the 2019 California Building Standards Codes with local amendments and
2. Read the title of the Ordinance, Case No. 19ORD-00000-00007 and waive full reading of the Ordinance into the record; and



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3. Continue the hearing to November 19, 2019 for the adoption of a Resolution of Legislative Findings Supporting Amendments to the California Building Standards Codes (Attachment F) and the adoption (second reading) of an ordinance, Case No. 19ORD-00000-00007; and
4. Determine that the adoption of this ordinance is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.



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Conclusion

November 5, 2019

