

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Current Uniform Model Codes and Structural Code up-Dates Relating to Building Construction as the Santa Barbara County Building Code

Recommendation(s):

1. Set a hearing date for July 11, 2006 for the introduction/first reading of the ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Santa Barbara County Code relating to building construction.
2. Set a hearing on July 18, 2006 (second reading) to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Santa Barbara County Code.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 A safe and healthy community in which to live, work and visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Every three years, the Building and Safety Division of Planning & Development recommends revisions in county construction codes based on State amendments in the latest editions of the Uniform Model Codes for Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Mechanical construction projects. These model codes are adopted by the California Building Standard Commission and used throughout the state as a basis for uniform regulations. Additionally, this Code revision includes minor revisions to administrative process provisions involving the Board of Building Appeals to improve the conduct of appeal hearings. There are some changes to legislative acts. There are also changes to our unique high fire area protection measures. Lastly, the State of California has been slow in adopting changes to uniform structural standards which are critical to our residents

receiving the benefits of optimal insurance underwriting consideration. Consistent with the majority of Counties and Cities we have incorporated those industry-wide structural standards in this ordinance revision in anticipation of them being adopted statewide in future State regulatory updates.

These changes have been submitted to local building stakeholder groups. We have received no indication of opposition.

Mandates and Service Levels: No Changes in Mandates.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fees for building permits are not proposed to be changed.

The changes proposed in these updates do not modify any building permit fees. Funding for revising these codes and preparing this report are provided in the Building and Safety Division budget on page D-300 of the adopted 2005-06 fiscal year budget.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk to notice the proposed ordinance amendments in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Santa Barbara; once at least 5 days prior to the first reading and again in accordance with section two of the ordinance within fifteen days after its' passage

Concurrence:

N/A