

# Adoption of 2025 Building Standards Codes and Local Amendments to Chapter 10 Building Regulations

Board of Supervisors

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County of Santa Barbara

Planning and Development

Building and Safety Division



# California Building Standards Code

- Added Part 7 - California Wildland-Urban Interface Code
  - Fire Hazard Severity Zones – Mapping
    - State Responsibility Area (SRA) and Local Responsibility Areas (LRA) designated as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones
    - Previously adopted County High Fire Hazard Area – no longer needed
  - Fire Protection and Construction Material Requirements
- Adopted by reference to Chapter 10 Building Regulations



# Emergency Permits – Building Permits

- Provide for a local amendment for emergency permits:
  - Where in an emergency situation a structure is determined to be unsafe and to be an immediate threat to life, health, and safety, the building official may authorize work to occur to secure the structure to ensure immediate health, life, and safety conditions are met. A permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.



# Updates to Housing Code and Dangerous Building Codes

- Housing Code
  - Replace 1997 Uniform Housing Code
  - Adopt by reference the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code
- Dangerous Buildings Code
  - Replace 1997 Abatement of Dangerous Buildings Code
  - Adopt by reference the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code



# Recommended Actions

- Approve the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance (Attachment A) amending Chapter 10 of the Santa Barbara County Code, titled Building Regulations, adopting the 2025 California Building Standards Codes with local amendments;
- Read the title of the Ordinance and waive full reading of the Ordinance;
- Continue the hearing to the Administrative Agenda of November 18, 2025 to:
  - Adopt the Ordinance (second reading) amending Chapter 10 of the Santa Barbara County Code, titled Building Regulations, adopting the 2025 California Building Standards Codes with local amendments;
  - Adopt a Resolution of Legislative Findings Supporting Amendments to the California Building Standards Codes (Attachment E); and
  - Determine that this ordinance amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3), because there is no possibility that the action in question may have a significant effect on the environment (Attachment C).

