

Ordinance Amending Chapter 16.52 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code and Amending Chapter 20.10 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code

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Sunnyvale Fire Code Adoption Cycle



CALIFORNIA 2025 FIRE CODE

Ordinance Development

Sunnyvale Municipal Code

- Model fire code
 - Minimum fire safety requirements
 - Adopted in 42 states
 - Published every 3 years

- Adoption February 2025
 - Published July 1, 2025

CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

Effective January

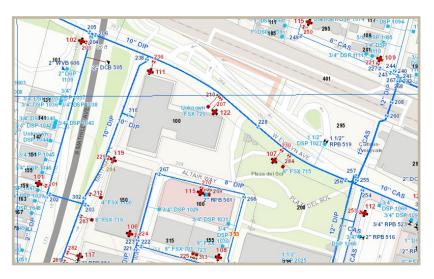
 2026 as default code unless local adoption is completed

- County Wide Task Group
 - Identify new or modified code requirements
 - Review existing local amendments for continued applicability

- Effective January 1, 2026
 - Model code with local amendments
 - No substantive amendments introduced
 - Administrative renumbering and language updates

Local Policy and Needs

- Silicon Valley
 - Cutting edge of R&D technology may not be covered in model codes
- Public Safety Model
 - Emphasis on fire access, water supply regardless of occupancy
- Local amendments continue to support General Plan





Staff Recommendation

Considerations

- Administrative renumbering and language updates
- City adopts local amendments or risks defaulting to minimum standards

Staff Recommendation

 Introduce the Ordinance Amending Chapter 16.52 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to Adopt by Reference the 2025 California Fire Code with Local Amendments and Related Findings, and Amending Chapter 20.10 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, and Find that the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, 15305, and 15061.