

Ordinance to amend the 2025 California Building Codes through local amendments

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2025 State Adopted Codes

- Building Code
- Residential Code
- Electrical Code
- Mechanical Code
- Plumbing Code
- Existing Building Code

- Historical Building Code
- Energy Code
- Green Building Standards Code
- Wildland-Urban Interface Code
- Property Maintenance Code
- Fire Code

Code Development Process

2025 Code published by the State

The City amends state code

California approves City amendments

Code is enforced

- July 1, 2025
 - Building
 - Mechanical
 - Electrical
 - Plumbing
 - Residential
 - Energy
 - Green Building

- Sept. 30, 2025
 - 1st reading for City amendments to the various codes.
- Energy Commission and the Building Standards Commission approval required
- January 1, 2026
 Enforcement begins



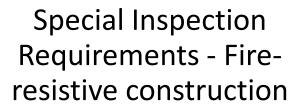
Significant City Amendments

Amendments to All Codes

- Administrative
 - Property Addressing
 - Permit activities, exemptions, and extensions
 - Time limits on building permits and plan checks
 - Violation protocols
 - Document storage
 - Definition of 'Newly Constructed Building'

Significant Amendments to the Building Code







Fire Extinguishing and Fire Protection sections are referred to the Fire Code



Increased Fire-retardant roof covering

Significant Amendments to the Residential Code

Definition of a Townhome

Fire-Resistive
Construction
between
Townhomes

Fire-Sprinkler
Requirements for
Residential
Buildings

Wind and
Earthquake
Resistant Wall
Construction

Increased Fire-Retardant Roof Covering Swimming Pool
Safety
Requirements

Significant Amendments to the Energy and Green Building Codes



New Electric Readiness Reach Code



AC to Heat Pump Reach Code



2020 EV Charger Reach Code Coordination with 2025 California Green Building Code

Staff Recommendation

Introduction of Ordinance:

- 1) Amending Various Sections of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to Adopt by Reference the 2025 California Building, Residential, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Building Standards Administrative, Energy, Historical Building, Existing Building, Wildland-Urban Interface, Green Building Standards Code, and the International Property Maintenance Code, with Local Amendments and Related Findings
- 2) Finding the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act