

1-319. Petition processing by the Commission and agencies.

(a) Within 45 days after receiving a petition, the Commission shall determine whether the petition meets the requirements of this article for petitions and provide the petitioner written notification.

(b) If the Commission determines that the petition does not meet the requirements of this article for petitions, the petition shall be returned to the petitioner without action but with written notification including itemization of the missing or incomplete items.

(c) If the Commission determines that the petition meets the requirements of this article for petitions, the Commission shall provide the petitioner notification of the acceptance of the petition and planned action.

(d) The Commission shall act on the accepted petition by commencing a rulemaking process, or shall forward a complete petition to the appropriate proposing agency or adopting agency having specific jurisdiction for the subject of the petition.

(e) The proposing agency or adopting agency shall have 45 days following receipt of the petition from the Commission to dispute the determination of completeness and/or the Commission's determination of jurisdiction. If the agency determines that the petition is incomplete, it shall, by the close of business on the 45th day following receipt of the petition, return the petition to the Commission, with an itemization of the missing or incomplete items, and the Commission shall return the petition to the petitioner within 30 days of receiving the returned petition without action in accordance with the procedures provided in subparagraph (b) above.

(f) The Commission shall maintain records relating to the submittal and disposition of petitions received by the Commission.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

HISTORY:

1. (BSC 2/93) Regular order by the California Building Standards Commission to adopt Section 1-804, Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations. Approved by Office of Administrative Law on January 27, 1995; filed at the Secretary of State on January 27, 1995; effective 30 days thereafter, which will be February 26, 1995. Publication date April 24, 1995.

1-321. Petition processing by agencies. Upon receiving a petition referred by the Commission, or a petition received directly from a petitioner, the proposing agency or adopting agency shall be responsible for the following duties:

(a) If the proposing agency or adopting agency disagrees with the Commission's determination that a petition is complete, or if the proposing agency or adopting agency believes the petition is in the jurisdiction of a different agency, the proposing agency or adopting agency shall notify the Commission no more than 45 days after receiving a petition.

(b) If the proposing agency or adopting agency determines that a petition received directly from the public does not meet the requirements of this article for petitions, the agency shall provide the petitioner written notification of the determination with itemization of the missing or incomplete items. The agency shall provide the Commission a copy of the notification.

(c) If the proposing agency or adopting agency determines that it has jurisdiction and that a received petition is complete, it shall take one of the following actions, communicating with the petitioner and Commission, within the noted time lines:

1. The agency may reject, accept or approve a petition in part and may grant such other relief or take such other action as it may determine to be warranted by the petition and shall notify the petitioner and Commission in writing of such action.
2. If the agency denies the petition for cause pursuant to Section 1-323 of this article [Criteria for Denying a Public Petition for Cause], it shall do so in writing within 45 days after the date of receiving the petition from the petitioner, or the referral by the Commission.
3. If the agency accepts the petition, it shall notify the petitioner and Commission in writing within 45 days after the date of receiving the petition. For the purposes of this section, accepting the petition indicates that the agency believes the issue(s) merit proceeding to code development as prescribed in this chapter.
4. If the approved petition contains an emergency clause, the agency shall also rule on the existence of an emergency, and if it concurs that an emergency exists, shall schedule code development and adoption procedures on an emergency basis.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, 18949.1, 18949.2, 18949.3, 18949.5 and 18949.6, Statutes of 1990.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Section 18931 and 18949.6.

HISTORY:

1. (BSC 2/93) Regular order by the California Building Standards Commission to adopt Section 1-805, Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations. Approved by Office of Administrative Law on January 27, 1995; filed at the Secretary of State on January 27, 1995; effective 30 days thereafter, which will be February 26, 1995. Publication date April 24, 1995.

1-323. Criteria for denying a petition. The Commission, proposing agency or adopting agency, whichever is processing a petition, may deny a petition for cause using at least one of the following criteria:

(a) The subject building standard is already scheduled for review at the next regular triennial or other scheduled adoption. To substantiate this criterion, the Commission or agency shall include in its written denial a schedule for the planned review. Alternatively, the agency may approve a petition but defer its implementation until the next scheduled adoption.

(b) The issues cited by the petitioner are factually incorrect. To substantiate this criterion, the Commission or agency shall identify in its written denial the incorrect facts.

(c) The issues cited by the petitioner are not within the State's jurisdiction. To substantiate this criterion, the Commission or agency shall show in its written denial why the issues are outside its jurisdiction.

(d) The issues cited by the petitioner have been raised and answered through another petition or during the previous rulemaking. To substantiate this criterion, the Commission or agency shall include with its written denial a copy of the previous petition and its response or the pertinent rulemaking file information.

Note: If new facts or substantiating data, pertinent to a petition, are provided, this criterion shall not be grounds for denying a petition.

(e) Resolving the issues raised by the petitioner would compromise the agency's ability to carry out its legal mandate. To substantiate this criterion, the Commission or agency shall include with its denial the specific ways in which its legal mandate would be compromised.

(f) The building standard proposed by the petitioner would create unnecessary hardship or expense; inappropriately exclude materials, equipment or brands; include only specific brands; conflict with federal or state laws or regulations or existing building standards; or the building standard is otherwise without merit and public benefit.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

HISTORY:

1. (BSC 2/93) Regular order by the California Building Standards Commission to adopt Section 1-806, Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations. Approved by Office of Administrative Law on January 27, 1995; filed at the Secretary of State on January 27, 1995; effective 30 days thereafter, which will be February 26, 1995. Publication date April 24, 1995.

1-325. Reconsideration of denied petition. A petitioner may request reconsideration of any part or all of a decision of any proposing or adopting agency or the Commission on any denied petition. Any such request shall be submitted in accordance with these petition procedures and shall include the reason or reasons why the decision to deny the petition should be reconsidered. Such request for reconsideration must be submitted no later than 60 days after the date of the decision involved. The agency's or Commission's reconsideration of any matter relating to a petition shall be subject to the provisions of this article.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, 18945, and 18949.6.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, 18945, and 18949.6.

HISTORY:

1. (BSC 2/93) Regular order by the California Building Standards Commission to adopt Section 1-807, Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations. Approved by Office of Administrative Law on January 27, 1995; filed at the Secretary of State on January 27, 1995; effective 30 days thereafter, which will be February 26, 1995. Publication date April 24, 1995.

1-327. Reconsideration by the commission.

(a) The Commission shall have no authority to reevaluate or reverse the decisions on petitions made by a proposing agency or

adopting agency when the subject of the petition is within the specific jurisdiction of the proposing agency or adopting agency.

(b) Requests for the reconsideration of a decision by the commission shall meet the requirements of Section 1-325 of this article.

(c) Should the Commission reverse its previous decision made on a petition, the petition shall be considered accepted and a rulemaking process shall begin as provided in this chapter.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, 18945, and 18949.6.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, 18945, and 18949.6.

HISTORY:

1. (BSC 2/93) Regular order by the California Building Standards Commission to adopt Section 1-808, Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations. Approved by Office of Administrative Law on January 27, 1995; filed at the Secretary of State on January 27, 1995; effective 30 days thereafter, which will be February 26, 1995. Publication date April 24, 1995.

1-329. Substitution of or supplementation by agency procedures.

(a) The provisions of this article pertaining to petitions shall not apply when an agency notifies the Commission that a petition process is mandated by specific statutes in addition to Government Code Sections 11340.6 and 11340.7, and/or that it has adopted its own regulations or procedures complying with Government Code Sections 11340.6 and 11340.7, and that it has notified the public of the existence of these statutes, regulations or procedures. Notification to the Commission shall consist of a written copy of such statutes, regulations or procedures and a description of the methods used to make the public aware of their existence. Upon such notification, the Commission shall exclude the agency from compliance with this Article pertaining to Petitions. If the Commission receives a petition pertaining to an excluded agency's jurisdiction, the Commission shall forward the petition without undertaking any of the duties prescribed by this Article pertaining to petitions directly to the agency and shall notify the petitioner of that fact.

(b) These regulations are not intended to be the sole means by which the proposing agency or adopting agencies and the interested public can raise, discuss and resolve issues pertaining to building standards. Agency procedures such as public participation meetings, advisory committees, written and verbal correspondence between members of the public and agency personnel, and other methods are considered alternatives that may be chosen by a member of the public instead of or in addition to the petition procedures described in this Article.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

HISTORY:

1. (BSC 2/93) Regular order by the California Building Standards Commission to adopt Section 1-809, Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations. Approved by Office of Administrative Law on January 27, 1995; filed at the Secretary of State on January 27, 1995; effective 30 days thereafter, which will be February 26, 1995. Publication date April 24, 1995.