

BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

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February 7, 2014

Daniel Garnica
Chief Building Inspector
City of Blythe
235 North Broadway
Blythe, CA 92225

RE: Ordinance #863-13

Dear Mr. Garnica:

This letter is to advise you of our determination regarding the referenced ordinance with express findings received from your agency on December 20, 2013.

Our review finds the submittal to contain one ordinance modifying provisions of the 2013 California Building Standards Code in Title 24, California Code of Regulations (code), and express findings complying with Health and Safety Code §§17958.7 and 18941.5. The code modification is accepted for filing and is enforceable. This letter attests only to the satisfaction of the cited law for filing of local code amendment supported by an express finding with the Commission. The Commission is not authorized by law to evaluate the merit of the code modification or the express finding.

Local modifications to the code are specific to a particular edition of the code. They must be readopted and filed with the Commission in order to remain in effect when the next triennial edition of the code is published.

On a related matter, should your city receive and ratify Fire Protection District ordinances making modifications to the code, be advised that Health and Safety Code §13869.7(c) requires such ratified ordinances and express findings to be filed with the Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards, State Housing Law Program, rather than this Commission. Also, ordinances making modifications to the energy efficiency standards of the code may require approval from the California Energy Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code §25402.1(h)(2).

If you have any questions or need any further information, you may contact me at (916) 263-0916.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Enrique M. Rodriguez".

Enrique M. Rodriguez
Associate Construction Analyst

cc: Chron
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CITY OF BLYTHE

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

235 North Broadway - Blythe, California 92225

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Phone (760) 922-6130
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December 18, 2013

State of California
Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Ste 130
Sacramento CA 95833-2936

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is a certified copy of City of Blythe Ordinance No. 863-13 and a copy of Blythe Municipal Code, Title 15, adopting the 2013 State Codes, with some amendments. As required by California Health and Safety Code Section 17958.7, express findings showing that the amendments are reasonably necessary due to local climatic, geological or topographical conditions, are contained within the Ordinance.

If there are any questions, please contact our Chief Building Inspector, Daniel Garnica, at (760) 922-6130.

Sincerely,

Michelle Van Dyke
Permit Technician

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ORDINANCE NO. 863-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE
AMENDING TITLE 15, *BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION*, AND TITLE 17,
ZONING, OF THE BLYTHE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2013, the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) published the 2013 Edition of Title 24, Parts 1-6 and 8-12, effectively adopting new building codes ("2013 California Building Code"); and

WHEREAS, under Building Standards Commission mandate, jurisdictions have 180 days after publication in Title 24 to adopt the new codes; and

WHEREAS, state law requires the adopting local government to make express findings that modifications and changes are necessary before enacting said modifications and changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Blythe expressly finds that amendments to the 2013 California Building Code, adopted by reference, are reasonable and necessary because of local climatic, geological, and topographical conditions within the City of Blythe and the Palo Verde Valley.

- A. The Palo Verde Valley experiences summer temperatures exceeding 110° Fahrenheit. Adverse climatic conditions increase the likelihood that children will attempt to gain entry into a pool area. The higher fence height, gate-opening hardware height and requirement for permits for pools of a specific size have been found to be necessary to safeguard the public from unnecessary drownings.
- B. The Palo Verde Valley experiences severe Santa Ana winds and storms creating wind gusts of 80 miles per hour. Those conditions could topple an unsafely constructed fence and injure the public.

WHEREAS, other modifications are of an administrative or procedural nature and concern themselves with subjects that are not covered by the codes but are reasonably necessary to safeguard life and property within the City of Blythe.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to: 1) adopt by reference the new 2013 California Building Codes; 2) authorize changes, deletions, and restructuring of this Title to make it conform with the new California Codes; and, 3) amend certain provisions of the 2013 California Building Code as necessary for local climatic, geological, and topographical conditions.

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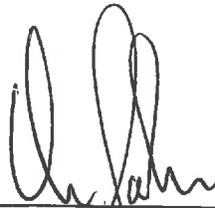
Section 4: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage hereof, and cause it to be posted as required by law. This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2013, by the following called vote to wit:

AYES: Galvan, Patel, DeConinck, Cusick and Evans

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Oscar Galvan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mallory Sutterfield, City Clerk

County of Riverside }
State of California } SS

Mallory Sutterfield City Clerk of the City of Blythe, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy

Ordinance No. 863-13

of Resolution No. _____

Minute Exercise _____

The original of which is on file in my (SEAL)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I herewith set by hand and affix the official Seal of the City of Blythe on this 12th day of December, 2013


_____, City Clerk
By _____ Deputy

PROOF OF PUBLICATION
(2015.2 C.C.P.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County Aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the

Palo Verde Valley Times

a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published **BI-WEEKLY** in the **CITY OF BLYTHE**

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**,

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Pub.: November 20, 2013

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED AT BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA
November 20, 2013

Signature:

Reuben Richard

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Palo Verde Valley
Times

153 S. Broadway, Blythe, California 92225
P.O. Box 1159, Blythe, California 92226

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Robin Echard

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ABSTAIN: None

Publish: November 20, 2013

Mallory Sutterfield, City Clerk

Title 15 BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

Chapters:

- 15.02 Uniform Administrative Code**
- 15.04 California Building Code**
- 15.06 California Administrative Code**
- 15.08 California Residential Code**
- 15.10 California Electrical Code**
- 15.12 California Mechanical Code**
- 15.14 Uniform Solar Energy Code**
- 15.16 California Plumbing Code**
- 15.18 California Green Building Standards Code**
- 15.20 Uniform Housing Code**
- 15.24 California Fire Code**
- 15.26 California Referenced Standards Code**
- 15.28 California Historical Building Code**
- 15.30 California Existing Building Code**
- 15.32 Uniform Code for Abatement of Dangerous Buildings**
- 15.40 Arcade, Marquees and Canopies**
- 15.58 California Energy Code**
- 15.60 Penalty for Violation**

Chapter 15.02

UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Sections:

- 15.02.010 Adopted by reference.**
- 15.02.030 Administrative provisions.**
- 15.02.040 Owner's permit.**
- 15.02.050 Building permits.**

15.02.010 Adopted by reference.

The Uniform Administrative Code, 1997 Edition, published and copyrighted in 1997 by the International Conference of Building Officials, including its indices, appendices and standards, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "Uniform Administrative Code, 1997 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter, as if fully set out in this chapter; and each and all of the provisions, conditions and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter; except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.02.030 Administrative provisions.

Where any of the administrative provisions of the adopted codes of this chapter are in conflict with the Uniform Administrative Code, 1997 Edition, the Uniform Administrative Code, 1997 Edition, shall govern.

15.02.040 Owner's permit.

Any permit required under the codes adopted in Title 15 of the Blythe Municipal Code may be issued to an

owner to do any work regulated by Title 15 in a single-family dwelling or duplex, or commercial building, including the usual accessory buildings and quarters in connection with such buildings, in the event that any such person is the bona fide owner of any such dwelling and accessory buildings. However, any electrical or plumbing work done in structure that is not the bona fide residence of the owner shall be done by a licensed contractor. Said owner shall comply with the requirements of workman's compensation and insurance when hiring individuals. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt owners from complying with all other standards of the codes herein adopted.

15.02.050 Building permits.

Section 301.2.1 of the 1997 Uniform Administrative Code is amended:

A building permit shall *not* be required for the following:

1. All lot line perimeter fencing

2. All lot line perimeter retaining walls

Any wood or chain link fence not over 4' (four feet) in height in the front yard setback or 6' (six feet) in height in the rear yard setback, when measured from grade to top of fence.

Chapter 15.04

CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

Sections:

- 15.04.010 Adopted by reference.**
- 15.04.011 Swimming pool barriers.**
- 15.04.012 Reserved.**
- 15.04.013 Building permits.**
- ~~15.04.014 Swimming pool permits.~~**
- 15.04.015 Findings.**
- 15.04.016 Fence--Required.**
- 15.04.017 Fence--Self-closing, self-latching devices required on gates and doors.**
- 15.04.018 Owner's permit.**
- 15.04.020 Provisions construed as restatements.**
- 15.04.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.**

15.04.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2, 2010 2013 Edition, Volumes I and II, including appendices *F, I and J*, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Building Code, 2010 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provisions, conditions, and terms therein contained

are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.04.011 Swimming pool barriers.

Section ~~3118B~~ 3119B.1 & 3109.3 of the ~~2010~~ 2013 California Building Code is amended to read:

1. The enclosure shall have a minimum effective perpendicular height of 6 feet as measured from the outside.

Section ~~3118B.2~~ 3119B.2 & 3109.4.1 of the ~~2010~~ 2013 California Building Code is amended to read:

1. . . . Hand-activated door- or gate-opening hardware shall be located at least 54 inches from the bottom of the gate.

15.04.012 - Reserved.

Ord. No. 846, § 1, adopted December 14, 2010, repealed § 15.04.012, which pertained to adopted by reference and derived from Ord. No. 825, 2008.

15.04.013 Building permits.

Section 105.2 of the ~~2010~~ 2013 California Building Code, Volume 1, is amended:

A building permit shall not be required for the following:

~~1. All lot line perimeter fencing~~

~~2. All lot line perimeter retaining walls~~

Any wood or chain link fence not over 4' (four feet) in height in the front yard setback or 6' (six feet) in height in the rear yard setback, when measured from grade to top of fence.

~~15.04.014 Swimming pool permits.~~

~~Section 105.2, subsection 9, of the 2010 California Building Code, Volume 1, is amended to read:~~

~~9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 18 inches (610 mm) deep, do not exceed fifty square feet and are installed entirely above ground.~~

15.04.015 Findings.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definition shall apply: "Outdoor swimming pool" means any pool over eighteen inches in depth ~~or with a surface area exceeding fifty square feet~~, used or intended to be used for swimming or recreational bathing, ~~which is open on any one side or at the top~~. The City Council finds that there are a number of outdoor swimming pools within the city and that the operation or maintenance of the same without adequate protective measures constitutes a severe hazard to the safety of the citizens of the city, and particularly to small children.

15.04.016 Fence--Required.

Every person in possession of land within the city, as either owner, purchaser, lessee, tenant or licensee, upon which is situated an outdoor swimming pool, shall at all times maintain on the lot or premises upon which such outdoor swimming pool is located and completely surrounding such pool, or completely surrounding the lot or premises upon which such pool is located, a fence or other solid structure not less than six feet in height, and having no opening therein, other than doors or gates as provided for in Section 15.04.017, larger than four inches in any dimension, except that a picket fence may be erected and maintained having no horizontal dimension between any of the pickets in excess of four inches. Such fence or other solid structure shall be constructed so as to prevent any person, including small children, from crawling or passing through, under or over the same, except at doors or gates therein.

15.04.017 Fence--Self-closing, self-latching devices required on gates and doors.

All doors or gates opening through the fence or other solid structure required by Section 15.04.016, shall, at all times, be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device designed to keep and capable of keeping such door or gate securely closed at all times when such door or gate is not in actual use. Any door of any dwelling occupied by human beings and forming any part of the solid enclosure referred to in the preceding section need not be equipped with the self-closing and self-latching device required by this section if the door is equipped with an audible warning system which sounds continuously for a minimum of thirty seconds immediately after the door is opened and resets within fifteen seconds.

The self-closing and self-latching device referred to in this section shall be placed at least three feet nine inches above the ground, or shall be so designed and installed as to be inaccessible to small children.

15.04.018 Owner's permit.

Any permit required under the codes adopted in Title 15 of the Blythe Municipal Code may be issued to an owner to do any work regulated by Title 15 in a single-family dwelling or duplex, or commercial building, including the usual accessory buildings and quarters in connection with such buildings, in the event that any such person is the bona fide owner of any such dwelling and accessory buildings.

However, any electrical or plumbing work done in structure that is not the bona fide residence of the owner shall be done by a licensed contractor. Said owner shall comply with the requirements of workman's compensation and insurance when hiring individuals. Nothing in this section shall be construed

to exempt owners from complying with all other standards of the codes herein adopted.

15.04.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

The provisions of the California Building Code, adopted by reference in Section 15.04.010, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

15.04.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

Where the provisions of the California Building Code, adopted by reference in Section 15.04.010, require permits similar to permits required under ordinances repealed by the ordinance codified in this chapter, permits issued under the repealed ordinances shall continue in full force and effect as if issued under the provisions of this chapter.

**Chapter 15.06
CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

Sections:

15.06.010 Adopted by reference.

15.06.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

15.06.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

15.06.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 1, 2010 2013 Edition, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Administrative Code, 2010 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provision, conditions, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.06.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

The provisions of the California Administrative Code, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

15.06.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

Where the provisions of the California Administrative Code require permits similar to permits required under

ordinances repealed or permits issued, such permits shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect as if issued under provisions of this code.

**Chapter 15.08
CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE**

Sections:

15.08.010 Adopted by reference.

15.08.020 Fence Permit Required

15.08.030 Provisions construed as restatements.

15.08.040 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

15.08.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Residential Code, Title 24, Part 2.5, 2010 2013 Edition, *including appendices A, B, C, E, N, O and Q*, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Residential Code, 2010 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provision, conditions, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.08.020 Building permits.

Section R105.2 of the 2010 2013 California Residential Code is amended:

A building permit shall not be required for the following:

1. All lot line perimeter fencing

2. All lot line perimeter retaining walls

Any wood or chain link fence not over 4' (four feet) in height in the front yard setback or 6' (six feet) in height in the rear yard setback, when measured from grade to top of fence.

15.08.030 Provisions construed as restatements.

The provisions of the California Residential Code, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

15.08.040 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

Where the provisions of the California Residential Code require permits similar to permits required under ordinances repealed or permits issued, such permits shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect as if issued under provisions of this code.

Chapter 15.10

CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE

Sections:

15.10.010 Adopted by reference.

15.10.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

15.10.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

15.10.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Electrical Code, Title 24, Part 3, 2010 2013 Edition, including Annex Chapters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and I, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Electrical Code, 2010 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter; and each and all of the provisions, conditions and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.10.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

The provisions of the California Electrical Code, 2010 2013 Edition, as adopted by Section 15.10.010, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations of such provisions and not as new enactments.

15.10.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

Where the provisions of the California Electrical Code, 2010 2013 Edition, adopted by Section 15.10.010, requires permits similar to permits required under ordinances repealed by the ordinance codified in this chapter, or prior California Electrical Codes, permits issued shall continue in full force and effect as if issued under the provisions of this chapter.

Chapter 15.12

CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE

Sections:

15.12.010 Adopted by reference.

15.12.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

15.12.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

15.12.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Mechanical Code, Title 24, Part 4, 2010 2013 Edition, including Chapter 1, Division II, and appendices A, B, C, D, E, F and G, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Mechanical Code, 2010 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and

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15.12.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

The provisions of the California Mechanical Code, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations thereof and not as new enactments.

15.12.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

Where the provisions of the California Mechanical Code require permits similar to permits required under ordinances repealed or permits issued, such permits shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect as if issued under provisions of this code.

Chapter 15.14

UNIFORM SOLAR ENERGY CODE

Sections:

15.14.010 Adoption.

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The city adopts the Uniform Solar Energy Code, 2006 Edition, as promulgated by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.

Chapter 15.16

CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE

Sections:

15.16.010 Adopted by reference.

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The California Plumbing Code, Title 24, Part 5, 2010 2013 Edition, including Chapter 1, Division II, and appendices A, B, C, D, G, I, J, K and L, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Plumbing Code, 2010 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter; and each and all of the provisions, conditions, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, except as hereinafter expressly provided.

Chapter 15.18

CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE

Sections:

15.18.010 Adopted by reference.

15.18.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

15.18.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

15.18.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Green Building Standards Code, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provision, conditions, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.18.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

The provisions of the California Green Building Standards Code, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as *restatements and continuations thereof and not as* new enactments.

15.18.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

Where the provisions of the California Green Building Standards Code require permits similar to permits required under ordinances repealed or permits issued, such permits shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect as if issued under provisions of this code.

**Chapter 15.20
UNIFORM HOUSING CODE**

Sections:

15.20.010 Adopted by reference.

15.20.010 Adopted by reference.

The Uniform Housing Code, 1997 Edition, published and copyrighted in 1997 by the International Conference of Building Officials, including its indices and appendices, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "Uniform Housing Code, 1997 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provision, conditions, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

**Chapter 15.24
CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE**

Sections:

15.24.010 Adopted by reference.

15.24.020 Definitions and appointments.

15.24.040 District limits--Storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside aboveground tanks.

15.24.070 Appeals.

15.24.080 New materials, processes or occupancies which may require permits.

~~15.24.090 Penalty for violation.~~

~~15.24.110 Issuance of citations by designated officers.~~

15.24.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Fire Code, Title 24, Part 9, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition, including Appendix Chapter 4, and appendices B, BB, C, CC, D, E, F, G, H, I and K, as adopted by the State of California one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Fire Code, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provisions, condition, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.24.020 Definitions and appointments.

A. Wherever the term "corporation counsel" is used in the California Fire Code, it shall be held to mean the attorney for the city of Blythe.

B. Wherever the word "jurisdiction" is used in the California Fire Code, it shall be held to mean the City of Blythe.

C. All references in the California Fire Code to the word Chief of the Fire Department shall be construed under this chapter to refer to the Fire Marshal.

D. All references in the California Fire Code relating to the fire prevention bureau shall be construed to mean the department of Development Services.

E. The Fire Marshal shall be appointed by the City Manager.

15.24.040 District limits--Storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside aboveground tanks.

A. The limits referred to in Section ~~3404.2.9.6.1~~ 5704.2.9.6.1 of the California Fire Code, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition, in which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, is established as follows: Prohibited in R-E, R-L-1, R-L-1-72, R-L-2, R-M-L, R-M, R-H, C-N, A, P-D, S-P-R, R-R, P-Q-P, R/M-H, C-C and C-G zones as defined in Title 17 and as may be subsequently amended.

Aboveground tanks as referred to in Section ~~3404.2.9.6.1~~ 5704.2.9.6.1 of the ~~2010~~ 2013 California

Fire Code may be allowed in I-S and I-G zones with a conditional use permit.

B. Aboveground tanks for waste oil and hydrocarbon contamination removal, meeting city standards may be allowed with a conditional use permit in C-C, C-G, I-S and I-G zones, provided they do not exceed three hundred gallons in size and are adequately protected and screened.

15.24.070 Appeals.

Whenever the Fire Marshal disapproves an application or refuses to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Fire Marshal to the City Council within thirty days of the decision.

15.24.080 New materials, processes or occupancies which may require permits.

The Director of Development Services and the Fire Marshal shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies which shall require permits, in addition to those now enumerated in the code. ICC, National Recognized Testing Labs and the state of California approvals where applicable shall be guidelines for approval. The Fire Marshal shall post in his office, and distribute to interested parties copies of approved new materials, processes or occupancies.

~~15.24.090 Penalty for violation.~~

~~A. Any person who violates any of the provisions of the code adopted by this chapter, or fails to comply therewith, or who violates or fails to comply with any order made under such code, or who builds in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved under such code, or any certificate or permit issued under such code, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who fails to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the city council or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed in this chapter, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.~~

~~B. The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.~~

~~15.24.110 Issuance of citations by designated officers.~~

~~Officers of the City who have discretionary duty to enforce a statute or ordinance are authorized to, pursuant to Penal Code Section 836.5 and subject to the provisions of this section, arrest a person without a warrant whenever any such officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a violation of the Blythe Municipal Code or applicable state codes in the officer's presence which he or she has the discretionary duty to enforce and to issue a notice to appear and to release such person on the person's written promise to appear in court. Officers of the City shall not be allowed by their superiors to exercise the arrest and citation authority herein conferred, unless such officer is within a classification of City Officer designated by resolution of the City Council to exercise such arrest and citation authority.~~

Chapter 15.26

CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE

Sections:

15.26.010 Adopted by reference.

15.26.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

15.26.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

15.26.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Referenced Standards Code, Title 24, Part 12, 2010 2013 Edition, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Referenced Standards Code, 2010 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provision, conditions, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.26.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

The provisions of the California Referenced Standards Code, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations of such provisions and not as new enactments.

15.26.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

Where the provisions of the California Referenced Standards Code require permits similar to permits required under ordinances repealed or permits issued, such permits shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect as if issued under provisions of this code.

Chapter 15.28

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE

Sections:

15.28.010 Adopted by reference.

15.28.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

15.28.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

15.28.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Historical Building Code, Title 24, Part 8, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Historical Building Code, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provision, conditions, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.28.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

The provisions of the California Historical Building Code, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations of such provisions and not as new enactments.

15.28.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

Where the provisions of the California Historical Building Code require permits similar to permits required under ordinances repealed or permits issued, such permits shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect as if issued under provisions of this code.

Chapter 15.30

CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE

Sections:

15.30.010 Adopted by reference.

15.30.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

15.30.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

15.30.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Existing Building Code, Title 24, Part 10, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Existing Building Code, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provision, conditions, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

15.30.020 Provisions construed as restatements.

The provisions of the California Existing Building Code, insofar as they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations of such provisions and not as new enactments.

15.30.030 Effect on permits issued under repealed ordinances.

Where the provisions of the California Existing Building Code require permits similar to permits required under ordinances repealed or permits issued, such permits shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect as if issued under provisions of this code.

Chapter 15.32

UNIFORM CODE FOR ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

Sections:

15.32.010 Adopted by reference.

15.32.010 Adopted by reference.

The Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, published and copyrighted in 1997 by the International Conference of Building Officials, including its indices and appendices, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "Uniform Code for Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter as if fully set out in this chapter, and each and all of the provisions, conditions, and terms therein contained are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

Chapter 15.40

ARCADE, MARQUEES AND CANOPIES

Sections:

15.40.010 Minimum height.

15.40.020 Support columns.

15.40.030 Down spouts required.

15.40.040 Penalty for violation.

15.40.010 Minimum height.

No arcade, marquee or canopy shall be erected within the city unless, at its lowest altitude, or that of any fixture suspended therefrom, it is of a minimum height of eight and one-half feet above the sidewalk.

15.40.020 Support columns.

Any arcade, marquee or canopy which extends from the building line to the outer edge of the sidewalk shall be supported by columns of incombustible material, imbedded at the outer edge of the sidewalk.

15.40.030 Down spouts required.

The roof of any arcade, canopy or marquee shall be sloped to down spouts, which down spouts shall be installed so as to conduct any drainage under the sidewalk and parkway to the street.

~~15.40.040 Penalty for violation.~~

~~Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail of Riverside County for a period of not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.~~

**Chapter 15.58
CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE**

Sections:

15.58.010 Adopted by reference.

15.58.010 Adopted by reference.

The California Energy Code, Title 24, Part 6, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition, including its appendices, as adopted by the State of California, one copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as "California Energy Code, ~~2010~~ 2013 Edition," is made a public record of the City and is adopted and made a part of this chapter except as hereinafter expressly provided.

**Chapter 15.60
PENALTY FOR VIOLATION**

Sections:

15.60.010 Penalty for violation.

15.60.020 Issuance of citations by designated officers.

15.60.010 Penalty for violation.

~~Any person violating any of the provisions of this title, whether acting for themselves, or as the agent or servant of any person, firm or corporation, shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars or by imprisonment of not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation of Title 15 is continued or permitted to exist without compliance, shall constitute a separate offense punishable upon conviction in the manner prescribed in this section.~~

Any person, firm or corporation, whether acting for themselves, or as the agent or servant of any person, firm or corporation, that violates any of the provisions of this title, or the codes adopted by this title, or fails to comply therewith, or who violates or fails to comply with any order made under such code, or who builds in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved under such code, or any certificate or permit issued under such code and from which no appeal has been taken, or who fails to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the City Council or by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail of Riverside County for not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or allow it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each day that a violation of Title 15 is continued or permitted to exist without compliance, shall constitute a separate offense punishable upon conviction in the manner prescribed in this section. The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

15.60.020 Issuance of citations by designated officers.

Officers of the City who have discretionary duty to enforce a statute or ordinance are authorized to, pursuant to Penal Code Section 836.5 and subject to the provisions of this section, arrest a person without a warrant whenever any such officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a violation of the Blythe Municipal Code or applicable state codes in the officer's presence, which he or she has the discretionary duty to enforce and to

issue a notice to appear and to release such person on the person's written promise to appear in court. Officers of the City shall not be allowed by their superiors to exercise the arrest and citation authority herein conferred, unless such officer is within a classification of City Officer designated by resolution of the City Council to exercise such arrest and citation authority.