

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION (CBSC)

REGARDING INTERVENING CYCLE AMENDMENTS TO THE
2013 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (CAC), TITLE 24, PART 1

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires that an Initial Statement of Reasons be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following information required by the APA pertains to this particular rulemaking action:

STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE, PROBLEM, RATIONALE and BENEFITS:

(Government Code Section 11346.2 requires a statement of specific purpose of **EACH** adoption, amendment, or repeal and the problem the agency intends to address and the rationale for the determination by the agency that EACH adoption, amendment, or repeal is reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose and address the problem the agency intends to address for which it is proposed. The statement shall enumerate the benefits anticipated from the regulatory action, including the benefits or goals provided in the authorizing statute.)

Chapter 1 of the 2013 California Administrative Code contains regulations explaining the various functions of the Commission as it works to develop, adopt, and publish the building standards in Title 24, California Code of Regulations. Additionally, it contains requirements for the proposing agencies and adopting agencies, involved in the development of the building standards.

The general purpose of this proposed action is principally intended to clarify and make minor corrections to the provisions of the chapter that governs much of the activities of the California Building Standards Commission, its employees, committees, and state agencies involved in the development and or adoption of Title 24, California Code of Regulations, known as the California Building Standards Code.

Additionally CBSC proposes to update California Administrative Code for accuracy and clarity, remedy formatting and typographical errors. The majority of these updates are without regulatory effect.

The specific rationale and benefit for this action is to meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code (H & SC) §§18928 and 18934.5, which assures that the latest building regulations are implemented for occupancies under CBSC's authority and those under the authority of local jurisdictions. It is justified by criteria (3), in the public interest, of H & SC 18930(a).

All of the following statements of reasons explaining the proposed changes are in the order of the proposed adoption shown in the Express Terms (proposed regulatory language) available with the documents associated with this rulemaking proposal.

▪ **Article 1**

1-101. Abbreviations: Format and typographical corrections

1-103. Definitions: For consistency and clarity repeal the alphabetical identifier for each definition. Relocate four defined terms from Article 5 to this section for continuity and ease of use.

1-105. Addition of Commission website address

▪ **Article 2**

1-203 Corrected format

1-209 Amend section - punctuation

1-211 Correction for accuracy and addition of Commission website address

▪ **Article 3**

1-307. Corrected format

▪ **Article 4**

1-407. Corrected format

1-413. Correction for accuracy

1-415. Corrected format

1-419. Corrected for accuracy and added Commission website address

1-421. Corrected format

▪ **Article 5**

The specific purpose and benefit of this action is to further refine the guidelines in Article 5, City, County, and City and County Building Permit Fees.

1-503. For consistency and clarity repeal the alphabetical identifier for each defined term and relocate definitions to Article 1.

1-505. Corrected format and add table title

1-507. Reformatted and clarified Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund quarterly filing guidelines for ease of use

TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORT, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS:

There were no formal studies or reports used as the basis for the proposed amendment to the California Building Code.

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS:

The proposed administrative changes do not mandate any specific technologies or equipment and do not require any prescriptive standards.

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternatives were considered because the proposed changes are administrative in nature, consistent with interested party input and are driven by statute.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES THE AGENCY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS.

No alternatives were identified that would lessen any adverse impact on small business. Small businesses will not experience an adverse impact due to this amendment.

FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON BUSINESS.

CBSC did not identify facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence to make an initial determination of significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE, ESTIMATED POTENTIAL BENEFITS, AND RELATED ASSUMPTIONS USED FOR BUILDING STANDARDS

CBSC did not identify any costs to comply with the proposed amendments. The amendments provide clarity and regulatory constancy for the code user.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

There are no federal regulations concerning state agency adoption and amendment of model codes. Those provisions are found in H & SC §§18928 and 18929.1.