# INITIAL EXPRESS TERMS
# FOR
# PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
# OF THE
# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
# REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE
# 2015 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE
# WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INTO THE 2016 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE (NON-ACCESS)
# CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2

**(HCD XX/XX)**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) proposes to adopt the 2015 edition of the International Building Code (IBC) for codification and effectiveness into the 2016 edition of the California Building Code (CBC) as presented on the following pages, including any necessary amendments. HCD further proposes to:

- Repeal the 2012 edition of the International Building Code;
- Repeal the 2013 edition of the California Building Code, which includes amendments to the model code that are no longer necessary;
- Repeal or amend building standards that are not addressed by a model code;
- Relocate or codify existing adopted and necessary amendments to the model code into the format of the model code proposed for adoption, the action of which has no regulatory effect; and/or
- Adopt new building standards that are not addressed by the model code proposed for adoption.

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**LEGEND FOR EXPRESS TERMS:**

1. **IBC language with new California amendments:** IBC language shown in normal Arial 9-point; California amendments to IBC text shown *underlined and in italics* with vertical bar in left margin.

2. **Existing California amendments being modified**: All such language shown in *italics,* modified language is *underlined* or shown in ~~*strikeout*~~ with vertical bar in left margin.

3. **Existing California amendments with no modifications***:* All such existing language shown in *italics,* modified model code language shown in ~~strikeout~~.

4. **Text not being modified**: All language not displayed in full is shown as "**…**" (i.e., ellipsis).

5. **Repealed text**: All language shown in ~~strikeout.~~

6. **Notation:** Authority and Reference citations are provided at the end of each action.

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## SUMMARY OF REGULATORY ACTION

**HCD PROPOSES TO:**

- Adopt standards from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code **without amendments**.
- Adopt standards from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code **with new amendments**.
- Bring forward existing California Amendments from the 2013 California Building Code for adoption into the 2016 California Building Code **with modifications**.
- Repeal 2013 California Amendments, which are **not** brought forward into the 2016 California Building Code.
- Bring forward existing California Amendments from the 2013 California Building Code for adoption into the 2016 California Building Code **without modifications**, except for editorial corrections.

## 1. HCD proposes to bring forward existing California amendments in Chapter 1, Division I, from the 2013 California Building Code for adoption into the 2016 California Building Code with modifications as follows:

***CHAPTER 1***
***SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION***

***DIVISION I***
***CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATION***

***SECTION 1.1***
***GENERAL***

***1.1.1 Title.*** *These regulations shall be known as the California Building Code, may be cited as such and will be referred to herein as "this code." The California Building Code is Part 2 of twelve parts of the official compilation and publication of the adoption, amendment and repeal of building regulations to the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, also referred to as the California Building Standards Code. This part incorporates by adoption the ~~2012~~ 2015 International Building Code of the International Code Council with necessary California amendments.*

***1.1.2 Purpose.*** *The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, access to persons with disabilities, sanitation, adequate lighting and ventilation and energy conservation; safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment; and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.*

***1.1.3 Scope.*** *The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures throughout the State of California.*

***1.1.3.1 Nonstate-regulated buildings, structures, and applications.*** *Except as modified by local ordinance pursuant to Section 1.1.8, the following standards in the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 shall apply to all occupancies and applications not regulated by a state agency.*

***1.1.3.2 State-regulated buildings, structures, and applications.*** *The model code, state amendments to the model code, and/or state amendments where there are no relevant model code provisions shall apply to the following buildings, structures, and applications regulated by state agencies as specified in Sections 1.2 through 1.14, except where modified by local ordinance pursuant to Section 1.1.8. When adopted by a state agency, the provisions of this code shall be enforced by the appropriate enforcing agency, but only to the extent of authority granted to such agency by the state legislature.*

***Note:*** *See Preface to distinguish the model code provisions from the California provisions.*

1. *State-owned buildings, including buildings constructed by the Trustees of the California State University, and to the extent permitted by California laws, buildings designed and constructed by the Regents of the University of California, and regulated by the Building Standards Commission. See Section 1.2 for additional scope provisions.*
2. *Local detention facilities regulated by the Corrections Standards Authority. See Section 1.3 for additional scope provisions.*
3. *Barbering, cosmetology or electrolysis establishments, acupuncture offices, pharmacies, veterinary facilities and structural pest control locations regulated by the Department of Consumer Affairs. See Section 1.4 for additional scope provisions.*
4. *Energy efficiency standards regulated by the California Energy Commission. See Section 1.5 for additional scope provisions.*
5. *Dairies and places of meat inspection regulated by the Department of Food and Agriculture. See Section 1.6 for additional scope provisions.*

6. *Organized camps, laboratory animal quarters, public swimming pools, radiation protection, commissaries serving mobile food preparation vehicles and wild animal quarantine facilities regulated by the Department of Public Health. See Section 1.7 for additional scope provisions.*

7. *Hotels, motels, lodging houses, ~~apartment houses~~ apartments, dwellings, dormitories, condominiums, shelters for homeless persons, congregate residences, employee housing, factory-built housing and other types of dwellings containing sleeping accommodations with or without common toilets or cooking facilities. See Section 1.8.2.1.1 for additional scope provisions.*

8. *Accommodations for persons with disabilities in buildings containing newly constructed covered multifamily dwellings, new common use ~~spaces~~ areas serving existing covered multifamily dwellings, additions to existing buildings where the addition alone meets the definition of ~~COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLING,"~~ covered multifamily dwellings, and new common-use ~~spaces~~ areas serving new covered multifamily dwellings, which are regulated by the Department of Housing and Community Development. See Section 1.8.2.1.2 for additional scope provisions.*

9. *Permanent buildings and permanent accessory buildings or structures constructed within mobilehome parks and special occupancy parks regulated by the Department of Housing and Community Development. See Section 1.8.2.1.3 for additional scope provisions.*

10. *Accommodations for persons with disabilities regulated by the Division of the State Architect. See Section 1.9.1 for additional scope provisions.*

11. *Public elementary and secondary schools, community college buildings, and state-owned or state-leased essential service buildings regulated by the Division of the State Architect. See Section 1.9.2 for additional scope provisions.*

12. *Qualified historical buildings and structures and their associated sites regulated by the State Historical Building Safety Board with the Division of the State Architect. See Section 1.9.3 for additional scope provisions.*

13. *General acute care hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, skilled nursing and/or intermediate care facilities, clinics licensed by the Department of Public Health and correctional treatment centers regulated by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. See Section 1.10 for additional scope provisions.*

14. *Applications regulated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal include, but are not limited to, the following in accordance with Section 1.11:*

    *14.1 Buildings or structures used or intended for use as an:*

    1. *Asylum, jail, prison.*
    2. *Mental hospital, hospital, home for the elderly, children's nursery, children's home or institution, school or any similar occupancy of any capacity.*
    3. *Theater, dancehall, skating rink, auditorium, assembly hall, meeting hall, nightclub, fair building or similar place of assemblage where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building, room or structure for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, deliberation, worship, drinking or dining, awaiting transportation, or education.*
    4. *Small family day-care homes, large family day-care homes, residential facilities and residential facilities for the elderly, residential care facilities.*
    5. *State institutions or other state-owned or state-occupied buildings.*
    6. *High rise structures.*
    7. *Motion picture production studios.*
    8. *Organized camps.*
    9. *Residential structures.*

    *14.2. Tents, awnings or other fabric enclosures used in connection with any occupancy.*

    *14.3. Fire alarm devices, equipment and systems in connection with any occupancy.*

    *14.4. Hazardous materials, flammable and combustible liquids.*

*14.5. Public school automatic fire detection, alarm and sprinkler systems.*

*14.6. Wildland-urban interface fire areas.*

*15. Public libraries constructed and renovated using funds from the California Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 1988 and regulated by the State Librarian. See Section 1.12 for additional scope provisions.*

*16. Graywater systems regulated by the Department of Water Resources. See Section 1.13 for additional scope provisions.*

*17. For applications listed in Section 1.9.1 regulated by the Division of State Architect--Access Compliance, outdoor environments and uses shall be classified according to accessibility uses described in Chapters 11A, 11B and 11C.*

*18. Marine Oil Terminals regulated by the California State Lands Commission. See Section 1.14 for additional scope provisions.*

***1.1.4 Appendices.*** *Provisions contained in the appendices of this code shall not apply unless specifically adopted by a state agency or adopted by a local enforcing agency in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq. for Building Standards Law, Health and Safety Code Section 17950 for State Housing Law and Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7 for Fire Protection Districts. See Section 1.1.8 of this code.*

***1.1.5 Referenced codes.*** *The codes, standards and publications adopted and set forth in this code, including other codes, standards and publications referred to therein are, by title and date of publication, hereby adopted as standard reference documents of this code. When this code does not specifically cover any subject related to building design and construction, recognized architectural or engineering practices shall be employed. The National Fire Codes, standards and the Fire Protection Handbook of the National Fire Protection Association are permitted to be used as authoritative guides in determining recognized fire prevention engineering practices.*

***1.1.6 Nonbuilding standards, orders and regulations.*** *Requirements contained in the International Building Code, or in any other referenced standard, code or document, which are not building standards as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18909, shall not be construed as part of the provisions of this code. For nonbuilding standards, orders and regulations, see other titles of the California Code of Regulations.*

***1.1.7 Order of precedence and use.***

***1.1.7.1 Differences.*** *In the event of any differences between these building standards and the standard reference documents, the text of these building standards shall govern.*

***1.1.7.2 Specific provisions.*** *Where a specific provision varies from a general provision, the specific provision shall apply.*

***1.1.7.3 Conflicts.*** *When the requirements of this code conflict with the requirements of any other part of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24, the most restrictive requirements shall prevail.*

> **Exception:** *Detached one-and two-family dwellings, efficiency dwelling units, lodging houses, live/work units, townhouses not more than three stories above grade plane with a separate means of egress, and their accessory structures, shall not be required to comply with the California Residential Code if designed and constructed in accordance with the California Building Code.*

***1.1.8 City, county, or city and county amendments, additions or deletions.*** *The provisions of this code do not limit the authority of city, county, or city and county governments to establish more restrictive and reasonably necessary differences to the provisions contained in this code pursuant to complying with Section 1.1.8.1. The effective date of amendments, additions or deletions to this code by a city, county, or city and county filed pursuant to Section 1.1.8.1 shall be the date filed. However, in no case shall the amendments, additions or deletions to this code be effective any sooner than the effective date of this code.*

*Local modifications shall comply with Health and Safety Code Section 18941.5 for Building Standards Law, Health and Safety Code Section 17958 for State Housing Law or Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7 for Fire Protection Districts.*

***1.1.8.1 Findings and filings.***

1. *The city, county, or city and county shall make express findings for each amendment, addition or deletion based upon climatic, topographical or geological conditions.*

   ***Exception:*** *Hazardous building ordinances and programs mitigating unreinforced masonry buildings.*

2. *The city, county, or city and county shall file the amendments, additions or deletions expressly marked and identified as to the applicable findings. Cities, counties, cities and counties, and fire departments shall file the amendments, additions or deletions, and the findings with the California Building Standards Commission at 2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95833.*

3. *Findings prepared by fire protection districts shall be ratified by the local city, county, or city and county and filed with the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards, P.O. Box 1407, Sacramento, CA 95812-1407 or ~~1800 3rd Street, Room 260, Sacramento, CA 95811~~ 2020 W. El Camino Avenue, Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95833-1829.*

***1.1.9 Effective date of this code****. Only those standards approved by the California Building Standards Commission that are effective at the time an application for building permit is submitted shall apply to the plans and specifications for, and to the construction performed under, that permit. For the effective dates of the provisions contained in this code, see the History Note page of this code.*

***1.1.10 Availability of codes.*** *At least one complete copy each of Titles 8, 19, 20, 24 and 25 with all revisions shall be maintained in the office of the building official responsible for the administration and enforcement of this code. Each state department concerned and each city, county, or city and county shall have an up-to-date copy of the code available for public inspection. See Health and Safety Code Section 18942 (~~d~~ e) (1) and (2).*

***1.1.11 Format****. This part fundamentally adopts the International Building Code by reference on a chapter-by-chapter basis. When a specific chapter of the International Building Code is not printed in the code and is marked "Reserved" such chapter of the International Building Code is not adopted as a portion of this code. When a specific chapter of the International Building Code is marked "Not adopted by the State of California" but appears in the code, it may be available for adoption by local ordinance.*

***Note:*** *Matrix Adoption Tables at the front of each chapter may aid the code user in determining which chapter or sections within a chapter are applicable to buildings under the authority of a specific state agency, but they are not to be considered regulatory.*

***1.1.12 Validity.*** *If any chapter, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, contrary to statute, exceeding the authority of the state as stipulated by statutes or otherwise inoperative, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this code.*

## *SECTION 1.8*
## *DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*

***1.8.1 Purpose.*** *The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements necessary to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the occupants and the public by governing accessibility, erection, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, moving, removal, demolition, occupancy, use, height, court, area, sanitation, ventilation, maintenance and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment.*

## *SECTION 1.8.2*
## *AUTHORITY AND ABBREVIATIONS*

***1.8.2.1 General.*** *The Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized by law to promulgate and adopt building standards and regulations for several types of building applications. The applications under the authority of the Department of Housing and Community Development are listed in Sections 1.8.2.1.1 through 1.8.2.1.3.*

***Note:*** *See the California Residential Code for detached one-and two-family dwellings and townhouses.*

***1.8.2.1.1 Housing construction.***

***Application*** *- Hotels, motels, lodging houses, ~~apartment houses~~ apartments, dwellings, dormitories, condominiums, shelters for homeless persons, congregate residences, employee housing, factory-built housing and other types of dwellings containing sleeping accommodations with or without common toilet or cooking facilities including accessory buildings, facilities and uses thereto. Sections of this code which pertain to applications listed in this section are identified using the abbreviation "HCD 1."*

***Enforcing Agency*** *– Local building department or the Department of Housing and Community Development.*

***Authority cited****–Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.*

***Reference****–Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and Sections 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.*

***1.8.2.1.2 Housing accessibility.***

***Application*** *– ~~COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS"~~ Covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter 2 including, but not limited to, lodging houses, dormitories, timeshares, condominiums, shelters for homeless persons, congregate residences, ~~apartment houses~~ apartments, dwellings, employee housing, factory-built housing and other types of dwellings containing sleeping accommodations with or without common toilet or cooking facilities.*

*Sections of this code identified by the abbreviation "HCD 1-AC" require specific accommodations for ~~PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES"~~ persons with disabilities as defined in Chapter 2. The application of such provisions shall be in conjunction with other requirements of this code and apply only to newly constructed ~~COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS"~~ covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter 2 ~~of the California Building Code~~. "HCD 1-AC" applications include, but are not limited to, the following:*

1. *All newly constructed ~~"COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS"~~ covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter 2.*

2. *New ~~"COMMON USE AREAS"~~ common use areas as defined in Chapter 2, serving existing covered multifamily dwellings.*

3. *Additions to existing buildings, where the addition alone meets the definition of ~~"COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS"~~ covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter 2.*

4. *New common use areas serving new covered multifamily dwellings.*

5. *Where any portion of a building's exterior is preserved, but the interior of the building is removed, including all structural portions of floors and ceilings, the building is considered a new building for determining the application of Chapter 11A.*

*"HCD 1-AC" building standards generally do not apply to public use areas or public accommodations such as hotels and motels and public housing. Public use areas, public accommodations, and public housing, as defined in Chapter 2 ~~of this code~~, are subject to the Division of the State Architect (DSA-AC) in Chapter 11B, and are referenced in Section 1.9.1.*

*Newly constructed covered multifamily dwellings, which can also be defined as public housing, shall be subject to the requirements of Chapter 11A and Chapter 11B.*

***Enforcing Agency*** *– Local building department or the Department of Housing and Community Development.*

***Authority cited****–Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.*

***Reference** – Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.*

***1.8.2.1.3 Permanent buildings in mobilehome parks and special occupancy parks.***

***Application** – Permanent buildings, and permanent accessory buildings or structures, constructed within mobilehome parks and special occupancy parks that are under the control and ownership of the park operator. Sections of this code which pertain to applications listed in this section are identified using the abbreviation "HCD 2."*

***Enforcing Agency** – The Department of Housing and Community Development, local building department or other local agency that has assumed responsibility for the enforcement of Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.1, commencing with Section 18200 for mobilehome parks and Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.3, commencing with Section 18860 for special occupancy parks.*

***Authority cited -** Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17821.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.*

***Reference -** Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.*

## *SECTION 1.8.3*
## *LOCAL ENFORCING AGENCY*

***1.8.3.1 Duties and powers.** The building department of every city, county, or city and county shall enforce all the provisions of law, this code, and the other rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing and Community Development pertaining to the installation, erection, construction, reconstruction, movement, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, removal, demolition or arrangement of ~~apartment houses~~ apartments, condominiums, hotels, motels, lodging houses and dwellings, including accessory buildings, facilities and uses thereto.*

*The provisions regulating the erection and construction of dwellings and appurtenant structures shall not apply to existing structures as to which construction is commenced or approved prior to the effective date of these regulations. Requirements relating to use, maintenance and occupancy shall apply to all dwellings and appurtenant structures approved for construction or constructed before or after the effective date of this code.*

*For additional information regarding the use and occupancy of existing buildings and appurtenant structures, see California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, commencing with Article 1, Section 1.*

***1.8.3.2 Laws, rules and regulations.** Other than the building standards contained in this code, and notwithstanding other provisions of law, the statutory authority and location of the laws, rules, and regulations to be enforced by local enforcing agencies are listed by statute in Sections 1.8.3.2.1 through 1.8.3.2.5 below:*

***1.8.3.2.1 State Housing Law.** Refer to the State Housing Law, California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1.5, commencing with Section 17910 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, commencing with Section 1, for the erection, construction, reconstruction, movement, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, removal, demolition or arrangement of ~~apartment houses~~ apartments, condominiums, hotels, motels, lodging houses and dwellings, including accessory buildings, facilities and uses thereto.*

***1.8.3.2.2 Mobilehome Parks Act.** Refer to the Mobilehome Parks Act, California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.1, commencing with Section 18200 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2, commencing with Section 1000 for mobilehome park administrative and enforcement authority, permits, plans, fees, violations, inspections and penalties both within and outside mobilehome parks.*

***Exception:** Mobilehome parks where the Department of Housing and Community Development is the enforcing agency.*

***1.8.3.2.3 Special Occupancy Parks Act.** Refer to the Special Occupancy Parks Act, California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.3, commencing with Section 18860 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2.2, commencing with Section 2000 for special occupancy park administrative and enforcement authority, permits, fees, violations, inspections and penalties both within and outside of special occupancy parks.*

***Exception:*** *Special occupancy parks where the Department of Housing and Community Development is the enforcing agency.*

***1.8.3.2.4 Employee Housing Act.*** *Refer to the Employee Housing Act, California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1, commencing with Section 17000 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, commencing with Section 600 for employee housing administrative and enforcement authority, permits, fees, violations, inspections and penalties.*

***1.8.3.2.5 Factory-Built Housing Law.*** *Refer to the Factory-Built Housing Law, California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 6, commencing with Section 19960 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, commencing with Section 3000 for factory-built housing administrative and enforcement authority, permits, fees, violations, inspections and penalties.*

***SECTION 1.8.4***
***PERMITS, FEES, APPLICATIONS AND INSPECTIONS***

***1.8.4.1 Permits.*** *A written construction permit shall be obtained from the enforcing agency prior to the erection, construction, reconstruction, installation, moving or alteration of any building or structure.*

***Exceptions:***

1. *Work exempt from permits as specified in Chapter 1, Division II, Scope and Administration, Section 105.2.*
2. *Changes, alterations or repairs of a minor nature not affecting structural features, egress, sanitation, safety or accessibility as determined by the enforcing agency.*

*Exemptions from permit requirements shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of other provisions of law or this code.*

***1.8.4.2 Fees.*** *Subject to other provisions of law, the governing body of any city, county, or city and county may prescribe fees to defray the cost of enforcement of rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The amount of the fees shall not exceed the amount reasonably necessary to administer or process permits, certificates, forms or other documents, or to defray the costs of enforcement. For additional information, see the State Housing Law, Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1.5, Section 17951 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, Article 3, commencing with Section 6.*

***1.8.4.3 Plan review and time limitations.*** *Subject to other provisions of law, provisions related to plan checking, prohibition of excessive delays and contracting with or employment of private parties to perform plan checking are set forth in the State Housing Law, Health and Safety Code Section 17960.1, and for employee housing, in Health and Safety Code Section 17021.*

***1.8.4.3.1 Retention of plans.*** *The building department of every city, county, or city and county shall maintain an official copy, microfilm, electronic or other type of photographic copy of the plans of every building, during the life of the building, for which the department issued a building permit.*

***Exceptions:***

1. *Single or multiple dwellings not more than two stories and basement in height.*
2. *Garages and other structures appurtenant to buildings listed in Exception 1.*
3. *Farm or ranch buildings appurtenant to buildings listed in Exception 1.*
4. *Any one-story building where the span between bearing walls does not exceed 25 feet (7620 mm), except a steel frame or concrete building.*

*All plans for common interest developments as defined in Section ~~1351~~ 4100 of the California Civil Code shall be retained. For additional information regarding plan retention and reproduction of plans by an enforcing agency, see Health and Safety Code Sections 19850 through 19852.*

***1.8.4.4 Inspections.*** *Construction or work for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by the building official, and such construction or work shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until approved. Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code or other regulations of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Required inspections are*

*listed in Chapter 1, Division II, Scope and Administration, Sections 110.3.1 through 110.3.6, 110.3.8, 110.3.9 and 110.3.10.*

### *SECTION 1.8.5*
### *RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR ENFORCEMENT*

***1.8.5.1 General.*** *Subject to other provisions of law, officers and agents of the enforcing agency may enter and inspect public and private properties to secure compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing and Community Development. For limitations and additional information regarding enforcement, see the following:*

1. *For applications subject to the State Housing Law as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.1 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1.5, commencing with Section 17910 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, commencing with Section 1.*
2. *For applications subject to the Mobilehome Parks Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.2 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.1, commencing with Section 18200 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2, commencing with Section 1000.*
3. *For applications subject to the Special Occupancy Parks Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.3 of this Code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.3, commencing with Section 18860 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2.2, commencing with Section 2000.*
4. *For applications subject to the Employee Housing Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.4 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1, commencing with Section 17000 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, commencing with Section 600.*
5. *For applications subject to the Factory-Built Housing Law as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.5 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 6, commencing with Section 19960 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, commencing with Section 3000.*

### *SECTION 1.8.6*
### *LOCAL MODIFICATION BY ORDINANCE OR REGULATION*

***1.8.6.1 General.*** *Subject to other provisions of law, a city, county, or city and county may make changes to the provisions adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development. If any city, county, or city and county does not amend, add or repeal by local ordinances or regulations the provisions published in this code or other regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing and Community Development, those provisions shall be applicable and shall become effective 180 days after publication by the California Building Standards Commission. Amendments, additions and deletions to this code adopted by a city, county, or city and county pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5, 17958.7 and 18941.5, together with all applicable portions of this code, shall also become effective 180 days after publication of the California Building Standards Code by the California Building Standards Commission.*

***1.8.6.2 Findings, filings and rejections of local modifications.*** *Prior to making any modifications or establishing more restrictive building standards, the governing body shall make express findings and filings, as required by California Health and Safety Code Section 17958.7, showing that such modifications are reasonably necessary due to local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions. No modification shall become effective or operative unless the following requirements are met:*

1. *The express findings shall be made available as a public record.*
2. *A copy of the modification and express finding, each document marked to cross-reference the other, shall be filed with the California Building Standards Commission for a city, county, or city and county and with the Department of Housing and Community Development for fire protection districts.*
3. *The California Building Standards Commission has not rejected the modification or change.*

*Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of fire protection districts pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7(a).*

## *SECTION 1.8.7*
## *ALTERNATE MATERIALS, DESIGNS, TESTS AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION*

***1.8.7.1 General.*** *The provisions of this code, as adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development, are not intended to prevent the use of any alternate material, appliance, installation, device, arrangement, design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code. Consideration and approval of alternates shall comply with Section 1.8.7.2 for local building departments and Section 1.8.7.3 for the Department of Housing and Community Development.*

***1.8.7.2 Local building departments.*** *The building department of any city, county, or city and county may approve alternates for use in the erection, construction, reconstruction, movement, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, removal, demolition or arrangement of ~~an apartment house~~ apartments, condominiums, hotels, motels, lodging houses, dwellings, or ~~an~~ accessory structures, except for the following:*

1. *Structures located in mobilehome parks as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 18214.*
2. *Structures located in special occupancy parks as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 18862.43.*
3. *Factory-built housing as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 19971.*

***1.8.7.2.1 Approval of alternates.*** *The consideration and approval of alternates by a local building department shall comply with the following procedures and limitations:*

1. *The approval shall be granted on a case-by-case basis.*
2. *Evidence shall be submitted to substantiate claims that the proposed alternate, in performance, safety and protection of life and health, conforms to, or is at least equivalent to, the standards contained in this code and other rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing and Community Development.*
3. *The local building department may require tests performed by an approved testing agency at the expense of the owner or owner's agent as proof of compliance.*
4. *If the proposed alternate is related to accessibility in covered multifamily dwellings or in facilities serving ~~"COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS"~~ covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter ~~11A~~ 2, the proposed alternate must also meet the threshold set for ~~"EQUIVALENT FACILITATION"~~ equivalent facilitation as defined in Chapter ~~11A~~ 2.*

*For additional information regarding approval of alternates by a building department pursuant to the State Housing Law, see California Health and Safety Code Section 17951(e) and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1.*

***1.8.7.3 Department of Housing and Community Development****. The Department of Housing and Community Development may approve alternates for use in the erection, construction, reconstruction, movement, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, removal or demolition of ~~an apartment house~~ apartments, condominiums, hotels, motels, lodging houses, dwellings or an accessory thereto and permanent buildings in mobilehome parks and special occupancy parks. The consideration and approval of alternates shall comply with the following:*

1. *The department may require tests at the expense of the owner or owner's agent to substantiate compliance with the California Building Standards Code.*
2. *The approved alternate shall, for its intended purpose, be at least equivalent in performance and safety to the materials, designs, tests or methods of construction prescribed by this code.*

## *SECTION 1.8.8*
## *APPEALS BOARD*

***1.8.8.1 General.*** *Every city, county, or city and county shall establish a process to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions, and determinations made by the enforcing agency relative to the application and interpretation of this code and other regulations governing construction, use, maintenance and change of occupancy. The governing body of any city, county, or city and county may establish a local appeals board and a housing appeals board to serve this purpose. Members of the appeals board(s) shall not be employees of the enforcing agency and shall be knowledgeable in the applicable building codes, regulations and ordinances as determined by the governing body of the city, county, or city and county.*

*Where no such appeals boards or agencies have been established, the governing body of the city, county, or city and county shall serve as the local appeals board or housing appeals board as specified in California Health and Safety Code Sections 17920.5 and 17920.6.*

***1.8.8.2 Definitions.*** *The following terms shall for the purposes of this section have the meaning shown.*

***HOUSING APPEALS BOARD.*** *The board or agency of a city, county, or city and county which is authorized by the governing body of the city, county, or city and county to hear appeals regarding the requirements of the city, county, or city and county relating to the use, maintenance and change of occupancy of buildings and structures, including requirements governing alteration, additions, repair, demolition and moving. In any area in which there is no such board or agency, "Housing Appeals Board" means the local appeals board having jurisdiction over the area.*

***LOCAL APPEALS BOARD.*** *The board or agency of a city, county, or city and county which is authorized by the governing body of the city, county, or city and county to hear appeals regarding the building requirements of the city, county, or city and county. In any area in which there is no such board or agency, "Local Appeals Board" means the governing body of the city, county, or city and county having jurisdiction over the area.*

***1.8.8.3 Appeals.*** *Except as otherwise provided in law, any person, firm or corporation adversely affected by a decision, order or determination by a city, county, or city and county relating to the application of building standards published in the California Building Standards Code, or any other applicable rule or regulation adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development, or any lawfully enacted ordinance by a city, county, or city and county, may appeal the issue for resolution to the local appeals board or housing appeals board as appropriate.*

*The local appeals board shall hear appeals relating to new building construction and the housing appeals board shall hear appeals relating to existing buildings.*

***SECTION 1.8.9***
***UNSAFE BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES***

***1.8.9.1 Authority to enforce.*** *Subject to other provisions of law, the administration, enforcement, actions, proceedings, abatement, violations and penalties for unsafe buildings and structures are contained in the following statutes and regulations:*

1. *For applications subject to the State Housing Law as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.1 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1.5, commencing with Section 17910 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, commencing with Section 1.*
2. *For applications subject to the Mobilehome Parks Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.2 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.1, commencing with Section 18200 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2, commencing with Section 1000.*
3. *For applications subject to the Special Occupancy Parks Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.3 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.3, commencing with Section 18860 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2.2, commencing with Section 2000.*
4. *For applications subject to the Employee Housing Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.4 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1, commencing with Section 17000 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, commencing with Section 600.*
5. *For applications subject to the Factory-Built Housing Law as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.5 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 6, commencing with Section 19960 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, commencing with Section 3000.*

***1.8.9.2 Actions and proceedings.*** *Subject to other provisions of law, punishments, penalties and fines for violations of building standards are contained in the following statutes and regulations:*

1. *For applications subject to the State Housing Law as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.1 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1.5, commencing with Section 17910 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, commencing with Section 1.*
2. *For applications subject to the Mobilehome Parks Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.2 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.1, commencing with Section 18200 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2, commencing with Section 1000.*

*3. For applications subject to the Special Occupancy Parks Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.3 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.3, commencing with Section 18860 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2.2, commencing with Section 2000.*

*4. For applications subject to the Employee Housing Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.4 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1, commencing with Section 17000 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, commencing with Section 600.*

*5. For applications subject to the Factory-Built Housing Law as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.5 of this code, refer to Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 6, commencing with Section 19960 and California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, commencing with Section 3000.*

***SECTION 1.8.10***
***OTHER BUILDING REGULATIONS***

~~***1.8.10.1 Existing structures.*** *Subject to the requirements of California Health and Safety Code Sections 17912, 17920.3, 17922, 17922.3, 17958.8 and 17958.9, the provisions contained in Chapter 34 relating to existing structures shall only apply as identified in the Matrix Adoption Table under the authority of the Department of Housing and Community Development as listed in Sections 1.8.2.1.1 through 1.8.2.1.3 of this code.*~~

***1.8.10.1 Existing structures.*** *Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the replacement, retention, and extension of original materials and the use of original methods of construction for any existing building or accessory structure, or portions thereof, shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of this code and the California Existing Building Code, as adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development. For additional information, see California Health and Safety Code, Sections 17912, 17920.3, 17922 and 17958.8.*

~~***1.8.10.2 Moved structures.*** *Subject to the requirements of California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922.3 and 17958.9, the provisions contained in Chapter 34 relating to a moved residential structure shall only apply as identified in the Matrix Adoption Table under the authority of the Department of Housing and Community Development as listed in Sections 1.8.2.1.1 through 1.8.2.1.3 of this code.*~~

***1.8.10.2 Moved structures.*** *Subject to the requirements of California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922, 17922.3 and 17958.9, local ordinances or regulations relating to a moved residential building or accessory structure thereto, shall permit the replacement, retention, and extension of original materials and the use of original methods of construction so long as the structure does not become or continue to be a substandard building.*

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 2. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 1, Division II, Sections 105.2 (Building: 1 – 13 only), 107.1, 107.2.1, 107.2.3, 107.2.4, 107.2.5, 107.2.6, 110.3.1, 110.3.2, 110.3.3, 110.3.4, 110.3.5, 110.3.6, 110.3.8, 110.3.9, 110.3.10 and 110.3.10.1 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code, and to bring forward existing California amendments as follows:

***DIVISION II***
**SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**110.3.4 Frame inspection. …** (No change to text)

***110.3.4.1 (HCD 1) Moisture content verification.*** *Moisture content of framing members shall be verified in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.5.*

**110.3.10 Final inspection. …** (No change to text)

**110.3.10.1 Flood hazard documentation**. **…** (No change to text)

***110.3.10.2 (HCD 1) Operation and maintenance manual.*** *At the time of final inspection, a manual, compact disc, web-based reference or other media acceptable to the enforcing agency shall be placed in the building in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.4.*

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 3. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 2 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with new, existing, and modified existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 2**
**DEFINITIONS**

**SECTION 201**
**GENERAL**

**201.3 Terms defined in other codes.** Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the ~~International Energy Conservation Code, International Fuel Gas Code,~~ ~~International~~ *California Residential Code*, *California Electrical Code*, *California Existing Building Code*, *California Green Building Standards Code*, *California* Fire Code, ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code or ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as in those codes.

**SECTION 202**
**DEFINITIONS**

***ACCESSIBILITY.*** *The combination of various elements in a building, facility, site, or area, or portion thereof, which allows access, circulation and the full use of the building and facilities by persons with disabilities in compliance with this code.*

***ACCESSIBLE.*** *A site, building, facility, or portion thereof that is approachable and usable by persons with disabilities in compliance with this code.*

***ACCESSIBLE ROUTE.*** *A continuous unobstructed path connecting accessible elements and spaces of an accessible site, building or facility that can be negotiated by a person with a disability using a wheelchair, and that is also safe for and usable by persons with other disabilities. Interior accessible routes may include corridors, hallways, floors, ramps, elevators and lifts. Exterior accessible routes may include parking access aisles, curb ramps, crosswalks at vehicular ways, walks, ramps and lifts.*

***ADAPTABLE DWELLING UNIT. (HCD 1-AC)*** *An accessible dwelling unit within a covered multifamily building as designed with elements and spaces allowing the dwelling unit to be adapted or adjusted to accommodate the user. See Chapter 11A, Division IV.*

**APPROVED.** Acceptable to the building official.

***(HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *"Approved" means meeting the approval of the enforcing agency, except as otherwise provided by law, when used in connection with any system, material, type of construction, fixture or appliance as the result of investigations and tests conducted by the agency, or by reason of accepted principles or tests by national authorities or technical, health or scientific organizations or agencies.*

***Notes**: **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)***

1. *See Health and Safety Code Section 17920 for "Approved" as applied to residential construction and buildings or structures accessory thereto, as referenced in Section 1.8.2.1.1.*
2. *See Health and Safety Code Section 17921.1 for "Approved" as applied to the use of hotplates in residential construction referenced in Section 1.8.2.1.1.*
3. *See Health and Safety Code Section 19966 for "Approved" as applied to factory-built housing as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.5.*
4. *See Health and Safety Code Section 18201 for "Approved" as applied to mobilehome parks as referenced in Section 1.8.2.1.3.*
5. *See Health and Safety Code Section 18862.1 for "Approved" as applied to special occupancy parks as referenced in Section 1.8.2.1.3.*

**APPROVED AGENCY.** An established and recognized agency that is regularly engaged in conducting tests or furnishing inspection services, when such agency has been approved by the building official.

***(HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *"Approved agency" shall mean "Listing agency" and "Testing agency."*

***APPROVED LISTING AGENCY. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Any agency approved by the enforcing agency, unless otherwise provided by law, which is in the business of listing and labeling and which makes available at least an annual published report of such listings in which specific information is included that the product has been tested to recognized standards and found to comply.*

***APPROVED TESTING AGENCY. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Any agency, which is determined by the enforcing agency, except as otherwise provided by law, to have adequate personnel and expertise to carry out the testing of systems, materials, types of construction, fixtures or appliances.*

***ASSISTIVE DEVICE. (HCD 1-AC)*** *An aid, tool or instrument used by persons with disabilities to assist in activities of daily living.*

***AUTOMATIC DOOR.*** *A door equipped with a power-operated mechanism and controls that open and close the door automatically upon receipt of a momentary actuating signal. The switch that begins the automatic cycle may be a photoelectric device, floor mat or manual switch.*

***BATHROOM.*** *For the purposes of Chapter 11A, a room which includes a water closet (toilet), a lavatory, and a bathtub and/or a shower. It does not include single-fixture facilities or those with only a water closet and lavatory. It does include a compartmented bathroom. A compartmented bathroom is one in which the fixtures are distributed among interconnected rooms. A compartmented bathroom is considered a single unit and is subject to the requirements of Chapter 11A.*

**BUILDING.** Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

***Exception: (HCD 1, HCD 2 & HCD 1-AC)*** *For applications listed in Section 1.8.2 regulated by the Department of Housing and Community Development, "Building" shall not include the following:*

1. *Any mobilehome as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18008.*
2. *Any manufactured home as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18007.*
3. *Any commercial modular as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18001.8 or any special purpose commercial modular as defined in Section 18012.5.*
4. *Any recreational vehicle as defined in Section Health and Safety Code 18010.*
5. *Any multifamily manufactured home as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18008.7.*

*For additional information, see Health and Safety Code Section 18908.*

***Note:*** *Building shall have the same meaning as defined in Health and Safety Code section 17920 and 18908 for the applications specified in Section 1.11.*

***BUILDING ENTRANCE ON AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE. (HCD 1-AC)*** *An accessible entrance to a building that is connected by an accessible route to public transportation stops, to parking or passenger loading zones, or to public streets or sidewalks, if available.*

***BUILDING, EXISTING. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *A building erected prior to the adoption of this code, or one for which a legal building permit has been issued.*

***CARRIAGE UNIT. (HCD 1-AC)*** *A dwelling unit with living space on one or more floors immediately above a Group U, private garage ~~or garages~~. The footprint of the garage ~~or garages~~ is used as the footprint for the remaining floor or floors of the units above and the garage level contains no habitable space.*

***Note:*** *Dwelling units located over a common garage shall not be considered carriage units.*

***CELLULAR CONCRETE. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *A lightweight product consisting of portland cement and selected gas-forming chemicals or foaming agents which create homogeneous voids in the hardened concrete.*

***CHARACTERS****. Letters, numbers, punctuation marks and typographic symbols.*

***CLEAR FLOOR SPACE. (HCD 1-AC)*** *The minimum unobstructed floor or ground space required to accommodate a single, stationary wheelchair and occupant.*

***COMMON USE AREAS. (HCD 1-AC)*** *Private use areas within multifamily residential facilities where the use of these areas is limited exclusively to owners, residents and their guests. The areas may be defined as rooms or spaces or elements inside or outside of a building.*

***COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS. (HCD 1-AC)*** ~~*Dwelling units in buildings consisting of 3 or more dwelling units or 4 or more condominium units. Covered multifamily dwellings include dwelling units listed in Section 1102A.1. Dwelling units within a single structure separated by firewalls do not constitute separate buildings.*~~

~~***Note:*** *For buildings or complexes containing public housing, see Chapter 11B for provisions of the Division of the State Architect–Access Compliance (DSA-AC).*~~

*"Covered multifamily dwellings" means either of the following:*

1. *Buildings that consist of at least four condominium dwelling units or at least three apartment dwelling units if the buildings have at least one elevator.*

2. *The ground floor dwelling units in buildings that consist of at least four condominium dwelling units or at least three apartment dwelling units if the building does not have an elevator.*

*Covered multifamily dwellings include dwellings listed in Section 1102A.1. For purposes of this definition, dwelling units within a single structure separated by firewalls do not constitute separate buildings.*

***CROSS SLOPE. (HCD 1-AC)*** *The slope that is perpendicular to the direction of travel. (As differentiated from the definition of "Running Slope".)*

***CURB CUT.*** *An interruption of a curb at a pedestrian way, which separates surfaces that are substantially at the same elevation.*

***CURB RAMP.*** *A sloping pedestrian way, intended for pedestrian traffic, which provides access between a walk or sidewalk and a surface located above or below an adjacent curb face.*

***DEPARTMENT. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *The Department of Housing and Community Development.*

***DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Any single-family dwelling which is separated (detached) from adjacent buildings.*

**DETECTABLE WARNING.** A standardized surface feature built in or applied to walking surfaces or other elements to warn visually impaired persons of hazards on a circulation path.

~~***DETECTABLE WARNING.*** *A standardized surface feature built in or applied to walking surfaces or other elements to warn of hazards on a circulation path.*~~

***DIRECTIONAL SIGN. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *A publicly displayed notice which indicates by use of words or symbols a recommended direction or route of travel.*

**DWELLING UNIT.** A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

***(HCD 1-AC)*** *For the purposes of Chapter 11A, a single unit of residence for a family of one or more persons. Examples of dwelling units covered by Chapter 11A include condominiums, an apartment unit within an apartment building, and other types of dwellings in which sleeping accommodations are provided but toileting or cooking facilities are shared by occupants of more than one room or portion of the dwelling. Examples of the latter include dormitory rooms and sleeping accommodations in shelters intended for occupancy as residences for homeless persons.*

***EFFICIENCY DWELLING UNIT.*** *(**HCD 1)** A dwelling unit containing only one habitable room and includes an efficiency unit as defined by Health and Safety Code Section 17958.1. See Section 1208.4.*

***ELEVATOR, PASSENGER. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *See "PASSENGER ELEVATOR."*

***ENFORCEMENT. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *The applicable section of the Health and Safety Code is repeated here for clarity and reads as follows:*

> ***Section 17920****. "Enforcement" means diligent effort to secure compliance, including review of plans and permit applications, response to complaints, citation of violations, and other legal process. Except as otherwise provided in this part, "Enforcement" may, but need not, include inspections of existing buildings on which no complaint or permit application has been filed, and effort to secure compliance as to these existing buildings.*

***ENFORCING AGENCY. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *The designated department or agency as specified by statute or regulation.*

***ENTRANCE.*** *Any access point to a building or portion of a building or facility used for the purpose of entering. An entrance includes the approach walk, the vertical access leading to the entrance platform, the entrance platform itself, vestibule if provided, the entry door or gate, and the hardware of the entry door or gate.*

***EQUIVALENT FACILITATION.*** *The use of designs, products or technologies as alternatives to those prescribed, resulting in substantially equivalent or greater accessibility and usability.*

***Note:*** *In determining equivalent facilitation, consideration shall be given to means that provide for the maximum independence of persons with disabilities while presenting the least risk of harm, injury or other hazard to such persons or others.*

***FAMILY (HCD 1).*** *An individual or two or more persons who are related by blood or marriage; or otherwise live together in a dwelling unit.*

***GRAB BAR.*** *A bar for the purpose of being grasped by the hand for support.*

***GRADE. (Adjacent Ground Elevation) (HCD 1-AC)****The lowest point of elevation of the finished surface of the ground, paving or sidewalk within the area between the building and the property line or, when the property line is more than 5 feet (1524 mm) from the building, between the building and a line 5 feet (1524 mm) from the building. See Health and Safety Code Section 19955.3(d).*

***GROUND FLOOR.*** *The floor of a building with a building entrance on an accessible route. A building may have one or more ground floors.*

**GUARD *(HCD 1, & HCD 2 & HCD 1-AC) OR GUARDRAIL*.** A building component or a system of building components located at or near the open sides of elevated walking surfaces that minimizes the possibility of a fall from the walking surface to a lower level.

***HOUSING AT A PLACE OF EDUCATION.*** *Housing operated by or on behalf of an elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate school, or other place of education, including dormitories, suites, apartments, or other places of residence.*

***HOTEL OR MOTEL. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Any building containing six or more guest rooms intended or designed to be used, or which are used, rented or hired out to be occupied, or which are occupied for sleeping purposes by guests.*

***INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESSIBILITY.*** *The symbol adopted by Rehabilitation International's 11th World Congress for the purpose of indicating that buildings and facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities.*

***KICK PLATE.*** *An abrasion-resistant plate affixed to the bottom portion of a door to prevent a trap condition and protect its surface.*

**LABELED.** Equipment, materials or products to which have been affixed a label, seal, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, inspection agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of the production of the above-labeled items and whose labeling indicates either that the equipment, material or product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

***(HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *"Labeled" means equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol or other identifying mark of an organization, approved by the Department, that maintains a periodic inspection program of production of labeled products, installations, equipment, or materials and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.*

***LAVATORY.*** *A fixed bowl or basin with running water and drainpipe, as in a toilet or bathing facility, for washing or bathing purposes. (As differentiated from the definition of "Sink".)*

***LEVEL AREA. (HCD 1-AC)*** *A specified surface that does not have a slope in any direction exceeding 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) in 1 foot (305 mm) from the horizontal (2.083-percent gradient).*

***LIFT, PLATFORM (WHEELCHAIR). (HCD 1-AC)*** *See "Platform (Wheelchair) Lift".*

**LISTED.** Equipment, materials, products or services included in a list published by an organization acceptable to the code official and concerned with evaluation of products or services that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services and whose listing states either that the equipment, material, product or service meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

***(HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *"Listed" means all products that appear in a list published by an approved testing or listing agency. For additional information, see Health and Safety Code Section 17920(h).*

***LISTING AGENCY. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *An agency approved by the department that is in the business of listing and labeling products, materials, equipment and installations tested by an approved testing agency, and that maintains a periodic inspection program on current production of listed products, equipment and installations, and that, at least annually, makes available a published report of these listings. For additional information, see Health and Safety Code Section 17920(i).*

***LOBBY. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *An area not defined as a waiting room at the entrance of a building through which persons must pass.*

***LODGING HOUSE. (HCD 1 & HCD 1-AC)*** *Any building or portion thereof containing not more than five guest rooms where rent is paid in money, goods, labor or otherwise, and that is occupied by the proprietor as the residence of such proprietor.*

***MARKED CROSSING.*** *A crosswalk or other identified marked path intended for pedestrian use in crossing a vehicular way.*

***MOTEL. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *See Hotel or Motel.*

***MULTISTORY DWELLING UNIT. (HCD 1-AC)*** *A dwelling unit with finished living space located on one floor and the floor or floors immediately above or below it.*

***NEWLY CONSTRUCTED. (HCD 1-AC)*** *A building that has never before been used or occupied for any purpose.*

***NORMAL. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Conforming to a pattern or standard regarded as usual or typical.*

***OPEN RISER.*** *The space between two adjacent stair treads not closed by a riser.*

***OPERABLE PART.*** *A component of an element used to insert or withdraw objects, or to activate, deactivate, or adjust the element.*

***PASSAGE DOOR. (HCD 1-AC)*** *A door other than an exit door through which persons may traverse.*

***PASSENGER ELEVATOR. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *~~"Passenger Elevator" is an~~ An elevator used primarily to carry ~~persons~~ passengers. For additional information, see California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 4.*

***PASSIVE SOLAR ENERGY COLLECTOR. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Uses architectural components, rather than mechanical components, to provide heating or cooling for a building interior.*

***PEDESTRIAN. (HCD 1-AC)*** *An individual who moves within walking areas with or without the use of walking-assistive devices such as crutches, leg braces, wheelchairs, etc.*

***PEDESTRIAN WAY.*** *A route by which a pedestrian may pass.*

***PERSONS WITH DISABLITIES. (HCD 1-AC)*** *For purposes of Chapter 11A, "Persons with Disabilities" includes, but is not limited to, any physical or mental disability as defined in Government Code Section 12926.*

***PICTOGRAM.*** *A pictorial symbol that represents activities, facilities, or concepts.*

***PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION.*** *A facility operated by a private entity whose operations affect commerce and fall within at least one of the following categories:*

*(1) Place of lodging, except for an establishment located within a facility that contains not more than five rooms for rent or hire and that actually is occupied by the proprietor of the establishment as the residence of the proprietor. For purposes of this code, a facility is a "place of lodging" if it is:*

*(i) An inn, hotel, or motel; or*

*(ii) A facility that:*

*(A) Provides guest rooms for sleeping for stays that primarily are short-term in nature (generally 30 days or less) where the occupant does not have the right to return to a specific room or unit after the conclusion of his or her stay; and*

*(B) Provides guest rooms under conditions and with amenities similar to a hotel, motel, or inn, including the following:*

*(1) On- or off-site management and reservations service;*

*(2) Rooms available on a walk-up or call-in basis;*

*(3) Availability of housekeeping or linen service; and*

*(4) Acceptance of reservations for a guest room type without guaranteeing a particular unit or room until check-in, and without a prior lease or security deposit.*

*(2) A restaurant, bar, or other establishment serving food or drink;*

*(3) A motion picture house, theater, concert hall, stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment;*

*(4) An auditorium, convention center, lecture hall, or other place of public gathering;*

*(5) A bakery, grocery store, clothing store, hardware store, shopping center, or other sales or rental establishment;*

*(6) A laundromat, dry-cleaner, bank, barber shop, beauty shop, travel service, shoe repair service, funeral parlor, gas station, office of an accountant or lawyer, pharmacy, insurance office, professional office of a health care provider, hospital, or other service establishment;*

*(7) A terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation;*

*(8) A museum, library, gallery, or other place of public display or collection;*

*(9) A park, zoo, amusement park, or other place of recreation;*

*(10) A nursery, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate private school, or other place of education;*

*(11) A day care center, senior citizen center, homeless shelter, food bank, adoption agency, or other social service center establishment; and*

*(12) A gymnasium, health spa, bowling alley, golf course, or other place of exercise or recreation;*

*(13) A religious facility;*

*(14) An office building;*

*(15) A public curb or sidewalk.*

***PLATFORM (WHEELCHAIR) LIFT.*** *A hoisting and lowering mechanism equipped with a car or platform, or support, which serves two landings of a building or structure and is designed to carry a passenger or passengers and/or luggage or other material a vertical distance as may be allowed.*

***POWDER ROOM.*** *A room containing a water closet (toilet) and a lavatory, and which is not defined as a bathroom.*

***PRIMARY ENTRY. (HCD 1-AC)*** *The principal entrance through which most people enter the building, as designated by the building official.*

***PRIMARY ENTRY LEVEL. (HCD 1-AC)*** *The floor or level of the building on which the primary entry is located.*

***PUBLIC ENTITY.*** *Any State or local government; any department, agency, special-purpose district, or other instrumentality of a State or local government.*

***PUBLIC HOUSING.*** *Housing facilities owned and/or operated by, for or on behalf of a public entity including but not limited to the following:*

1. *Publically owned and/or operated one- or two- family dwelling units or congregate residences;*
2. *Publically owned and/or operated buildings or complexes with three or more residential dwellings units;*
3. *Publically owned and/or operated housing provided by entities subject to regulations issued by the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended;*
4. *Publically owned and/or operated homeless shelters, group homes and similar social service establishments;*
5. *Publically owned and/or operated transient lodging, such as hotels, motels, hostels and other facilities providing accommodations of a short term nature of not more than 30 days duration;*
6. *Housing at a place of education owned or operated by a public entity, such as housing on or serving a public school, public college or public university campus;*
7. *Privately owned housing made available for public use as housing.*

***PUBLIC USE AREAS. (HCD 1-AC)*** *Interior or exterior rooms or spaces of a building or facility that are made available to the general public and do not include common use areas. Public use areas may be provided at a building or facility that is privately or publicly owned.*

***RECOMMEND. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Does not require mandatory acceptance, but identifies a suggested action that shall be considered for the purpose of providing a greater degree of accessibility to persons with disabilities.*

***RISER.*** *The upright part between two adjacent stair treads.*

***RUNNING SLOPE.*** *The slope that is parallel to the direction of travel. (As differentiated from the definition of "Cross Slope".)*

***SANITARY FACILITY. (HCD 1 & HCD 1-AC)*** *Any single water closet, urinal, lavatory, bathtub or shower, or a combination thereof, together with the room or space in which they are housed.*

***SHOULD. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *See "Recommend."*

***SIDEWALK.*** *A surfaced pedestrian way contiguous to a street used by the public. (As differentiated from the definition of "Walk.")*

***SINGLE-ACCOMMODATION SANITARY FACILITY. (HCD 1-AC)*** *A room that has not more than one of each type of sanitary fixture, is intended for use by only one person at a time, has no partition around the toilet, and has a door that can be locked on the inside by the room occupant.*

***SITE DEVELOPMENT. (HCD 1-AC)*** *"On-site" and "Off-site" work, including, but not limited to, walks, sidewalks, ramps, curbs, curb ramps, parking facilities, stairs, planting areas, pools, promenades, exterior gathering or assembly areas and raised or depressed paved areas.*

***SINK.*** *A fixed bowl or basin with running water and drainpipe, as in a kitchen or laundry, for washing dishes, clothing, etc. (As differentiated from the definition of "Lavatory".)*

***SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS.*** *Rooms intended and designed for sleeping.*

***SLOPE. (HCD 1-AC)*** *The relative steepness of the land between two points and is calculated as follows:*

*The horizontal distance and elevation change between the two points (e.g., an entrance and a passenger loading zone). The difference in elevation is divided by the distance and the resulting fraction is multiplied by 100 to obtain the percentage of slope.*

*For example: if a principal entrance is 10 feet (3048 mm) from a passenger loading zone, and the principal entrance is raised 1 foot (305 mm) higher than the passenger loading zone, then the slope is 1/10 100 = 10 percent.*

***SPACE.*** *A definable area, e.g., a room, toilet room, hall, assembly area, entrance, storage room, alcove, courtyard, or lobby.*

***TACTILE.*** *An object that can be perceived using the sense of touch.*

***TACTILE SIGN.*** *A sign containing raised characters and/or symbols and accompanying Braille.*

***TEXT TELEPHONE.*** *Machinery or equipment that employs interactive text-based communications through the transmission of coded signals across the standard telephone network. Text telephones can include, for example, devices known as TTYs (teletypewriters) or computers.*

***TESTING AGENCY. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *An agency approved by the department as qualified and equipped for testing of products, materials, equipment and installations in accordance with nationally recognized standards. For additional information, see Health and Safety Code Section 17920(m).*

***TRANSIENT LODGING.*** *A building or facility containing one or more guest room(s) for sleeping that provides accommodations that are primarily short-term in nature. Transient lodging does not include residential dwelling units intended to be used as a residence, inpatient medical care facilities, licensed long-term care facilities, detention or correctional facilities, or private buildings or facilities that contain no more than five rooms for rent or hire and that are actually occupied by the proprietor as the residence of such proprietor.*

***TREAD.*** *The horizontal part of a step.*

***TTY.*** *An abbreviation for teletypewriter. Machinery that employs interactive text-based communication through the transmission of coded signals across the telephone network. TTYs may include, for example, devices known as*

*TDDs (telecommunication display devices or telecommunication devices for deaf persons) or computers with special modems. TTYs are also called text telephones.*

***UNREASONABLE HARDSHIP.*** *When the enforcing agency finds that compliance with the building standard would make the specific work of the project affected by the building standard infeasible, based on an overall evaluation of the following factors:*

1. *The cost of providing access.*
2. *The cost of all construction contemplated.*
3. *The impact of proposed improvements on financial feasibility of the project.*
4. *The nature of the accessibility, which would be gained or lost.*
5. *The nature of the use of the facility under construction and its availability to persons with disabilities.*

*The details of any finding of unreasonable hardship shall be recorded and entered in the files of the enforcing agency.*

***VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN ARRIVAL POINTS. (HCD 1-AC)*** *Public or resident parking areas, public transportation stops, passenger loading zones, and public streets or sidewalks.*

***VEHICULAR WAY.*** *A route provided for vehicular traffic, such as in a street, driveway, or parking facility.*

***WALK. (HCD 1-AC)*** *A surfaced pedestrian way not located contiguous to a street used by the public. (See definition for "Sidewalk.")*

***WHEELCHAIR. (HCD 1-AC)*** *A chair mounted on wheels to be propelled by its occupant manually or with the aid of electric power, of a size and configuration conforming to the recognized standard models of the trade.*

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 4. HCD proposes to not adopt the following Chapter 2 definitions from the 2015 International Building Code:

~~**ACCESSIBLE.** A site, building, facility or portion thereof that complies with Chapter 11.~~

~~**ACCESSIBLE ROUTE.** A continuous, unobstructed path that complies with Chapter 11.~~

~~**ACCESSIBLE UNIT.** A dwelling unit or sleeping unit that complies with this code and the provisions for Accessible units in ICC A117.1.~~

~~**COMMON USE.** Interior or exterior circulation paths, rooms, spaces or elements that are not for public use and are made available for the shared use of two or more people.~~

**CONCRETE.**
**….** (No change to text)
**Cellular.** ~~A lightweight insulating concrete made by mixing a preformed foam with Portland cement slurry and having a dry unit weight of approximately 30 pcf (480 kg/m3).~~ ***See CELLULAR CONCRETE.***

~~**INTENDED TO BE OCCUPIED AS A RESIDENCE.** This refers to a dwelling unit or sleeping unit that can or will be used all or part of the time as the occupant's place of abode.~~

~~**LODGING HOUSE.** A one-family dwelling where one or more occupants are primarily permanent in nature and rent is paid for guest rooms.~~

~~**MULTILEVEL ASSEMBLY SEATING.** Seating that is arranged in distinct levels where each level is comprised of either multiple rows, or a single row of box seats accessed from a separate level.~~

~~**MULTISTORY UNITS.** A dwelling unit or sleeping unit with habitable space located on more than one story.~~

~~**PUBLIC-USE AREAS.** Interior or exterior rooms or spaces that are made available to the general public.~~

~~**SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY.** Real property designed and used for the purpose of renting or leasing individual storage spaces to customers for the purpose of storing and removing personal property on a self-service basis.~~

~~**TYPE A UNIT.** A dwelling unit or sleeping unit designed and constructed for accessibility in accordance with this code and the provisions for Type A units in ICC A117.1.~~

~~**TYPE B UNIT.** A dwelling unit or sleeping unit designed and constructed for accessibility in accordance with this code and the provisions for Type B units in ICC A117.1, consistent with the design and construction requirements of the federal Fair Housing Act.~~

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 5. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 3, except Section 308.3, from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code, with new and existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 3**
**USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION**

**SECTION 302**
**CLASSIFICATION**

**302.1 General.** Structures or portions of structures shall be classified with respect to occupancy in one or more of the groups listed in this section. A room or space that is intended to be occupied at different times for different purposes shall comply with all of the requirements that are applicable to each of the purposes for which the room or space will be occupied. Structures with multiple occupancies or uses shall comply with Section 508. Where a structure is proposed for a purpose that is not specifically provided for in this code, such structure shall be classified in the group that the occupancy most nearly resembles, according to the fire safety and relative hazard involved.

1. Assembly (see Section 303): Groups A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4 and A-5
2. Business (see Section 304): Group B
3. Educational (see Section 305): Group E
4. Factory and Industrial (see Section 306): Groups F-1 and F-2
5. High Hazard (see Section 307): Groups H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 and H-5
6. Institutional (see Section 308): Groups I-1, I-2, I-3 and I-4.
7. *(SFM) Laboratory (see Section 202): Group B, unless classified as Group L (see Section 443) or Group H (see Section 307).*
8. Mercantile (see Section 309): Group M
9. *(SFM) Organized Camps (see Section 440): Group C10.*

*10. (SFM) Research Laboratories (see Section 443): Group L*
*11.* Residential (see Section 310): Groups R-1, R-2, *R-2.1,* R-3, *R-3.1* and R-4
*12.* Storage (see Section 311): Groups S-1 and S-2
*13.* Utility and Miscellaneous (see Section 312): Group U

**SECTION 305**
**EDUCATIONAL GROUP E**

**305.2.3 Five or fewer children in a dwelling unit.** A facility such as the above within a dwelling unit and having five or fewer children receiving such day care shall be classified as a Group R-3 occupancy or shall comply with the ~~International~~ *California* Residential Code.

**SECTION 310**
**RESIDENTIAL GROUP R**

**310.1 Residential Group R.** Residential Group R includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for sleeping purposes when not classified as an Institutional Group I or when not regulated by the ~~International~~ *California* Residential Code.

**310.3 Residential Group R-1.** Residential occupancies containing sleeping units where the occupants are primarily transient in nature, including:

Boarding houses (transient) with more than 10 occupants
Congregate living facilities (transient) with more than 10 occupants
Hotels (transient)
Motels (transient)
***(HCD 1)*** *Efficiency dwelling units (transient)*

**310.4 Residential Group R-2.** Residential occupancies containing sleeping units or more than two dwelling units where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature, including:

Apartment houses
Boarding houses (nontransient) with more than 16 occupants
Congregate living facilities (nontransient) with more than 16 occupants
Convents
Dormitories
Fraternities and sororities
Hotels (nontransient)
Live/work units
Monasteries
Motels (nontransient)
Vacation timeshare properties
***(HCD 1)*** *Efficiency dwelling units (nontransient)*

**310.5 Residential Group R-3.** Residential occupancies where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature and not classified as Group R-1, R-2, *R-2.1, R-3.1,* R-4 or I, including:

Buildings that do not contain more than two dwelling units
Boarding houses (nontransient) with 16 or fewer occupants
Boarding houses (transient) with 10 or fewer occupants
Care facilities that provide accommodations for ~~five~~ *six* or fewer ~~persons~~ *clients* receiving care
Congregate living facilities (nontransient) with 16 or fewer occupants
Congregate living facilities (transient) with 10 or fewer occupants
***(HCD 1)*** *Efficiency dwelling units.*

**310.5.2 Lodging houses.** Owner-occupied lodging houses with five or fewer guest rooms shall be permitted to be constructed in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Residential Code.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and

19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 6. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 4 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with new and existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 4**
**SPECIAL DETAILED REQUIREMENTS BASED ON USE AND OCCUPANCY**

**SECTION 406**
**MOTOR-VEHICLE-RELATED OCCUPANCIES**

**406.3.2 Clear height.** In private garages and carports, the clear height in vehicle and pedestrian traffic areas shall be not less than 7 feet (2134 mm). ~~Vehicle and pedestrian areas accommodating van accessible parking shall comply with Section 1106.5.~~ ***(HCD 1-AC)*** *The clear height of vehicle and pedestrian areas required to be accessible shall comply with Chapter 11A.*

**406.3.6 (Formerly 406.3.5) Automatic garage door openers.** Automatic garage door openers, where provided, shall be listed in accordance with UL 325. *See Health and Safety Code Sections 19890 and 19891 for additional provisions for residential garage door openers.*

**406.4.1 Clear height.** The clear height of each floor level in vehicle and pedestrian traffic areas shall not be less than 7 feet (2134 mm). ~~Vehicle and pedestrian areas accommodating van accessible parking shall comply with Section 1106.5.~~ ***(HCD 1-AC)*** *The clear height of vehicle and pedestrian areas required to be accessible shall comply with Chapter 11A.*

**406.6.2 Ventilation.** A mechanical ventilation system shall be provided in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**406.8.2 Ventilation.** Repair garages shall be mechanically ventilated in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code. The ventilation system shall be controlled at the entrance to the garage.

**406.8.4 Heating equipment.** Heating equipment shall be installed in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 409**
**MOTION PICTURE PROJECTION ROOMS**

**409.3 Projection room and equipment ventilation.** Ventilation shall be provided in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 414**
**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

**414.1.2 Materials.** The safe design of hazardous material occupancies is material dependent. Individual material requirements are also found in Sections 307 and 415, and in the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code and the ~~International~~ *California* Fire Code.

**414.3 Ventilation.** Rooms, areas or spaces in which explosive, corrosive, combustible, flammable or highly toxic dusts, mists, fumes, vapors or gases are or may be emitted due to the processing, use, handling or storage of materials shall be mechanically ventilated where required by this code, the ~~International~~ *California* Fire Code or the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

Emissions generated at workstations shall be confined to the area in which they are generated as specified in the ~~International~~ *California* Fire Code and the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 415**
**GROUPS H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4 AND H-5**

**415.9.1 (Formerly 415.8.2) Flammable and combustible liquids.** The storage, handling, processing and transporting of flammable and combustible liquids in Group H-2 and H-3 occupancies shall be in accordance with Sections 415.9.1.1 through 415.9.1.9, the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code and the ~~International~~ *California* Fire Code.

**415.9.1.7 (Formerly 415.8.2.7) Room ventilation.** Storage tank areas storing Class I, II or IIIA liquids shall be provided with mechanical ventilation. The mechanical ventilation system shall be in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code and the ~~International~~ *California* Fire Code.

**415.9.2 (Formerly 415.8.3) Liquefied petroleum gas facilities.** The construction and installation of liquefied petroleum gas facilities shall be in accordance with the requirements of this code, the ~~International~~ *California* Fire Code, the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code, the ~~International Fuel Gas~~ *California* Plumbing Code and NFPA 58.

**415.9.3 (Formerly 415.8.4) Dry cleaning plants.** The construction and installation of dry cleaning plants shall be in accordance with the requirements of this code, the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code, the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing *Code* and NFPA 32. Dry cleaning solvents and systems shall be classified in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Fire Code.

**415.11.11 (Formerly 415.10.11) Automatic sprinkler system protection in exhaust ducts for HPM.** An approved automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in exhaust ducts conveying gases, vapors, fumes, mists or dusts generated from HPM in accordance with Sections 415.11.11.1 through 415.11.11.3 and the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 416**
**APPLICATION OF FLAMMABLE FINISHES**

**416.2.2 Ventilation.** Mechanical ventilation and interlocks with the spraying operation shall be in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**416.3 Spraying spaces.** Spraying spaces shall be ventilated with an exhaust system to prevent the accumulation of flammable mist or vapors in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code. Where such spaces are not separately enclosed, noncombustible spray curtains shall be provided to restrict the spread of flammable vapors.

**SECTION 417**
**DRYING ROOMS**

**417.1 General.** A drying room or dry kiln installed within a building shall be constructed entirely of approved noncombustible materials or assemblies of such materials regulated by the approved rules or as required in the general and specific sections of this chapter for special occupancies and where applicable to the general requirements of the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 419**
**LIVE/WORK UNITS**

**419.7 Accessibility.** Accessibility shall be designed in accordance with ~~Chapter 11~~ *Chapter 11A* for the function served.

**419.8 Ventilation.** The applicable ventilation requirements of the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code shall apply to each area within the live/work unit for the function within that space.

**419.9 Plumbing facilities.** The nonresidential area of the live/work unit shall be provided with minimum plumbing facilities as specified by ~~Chapter 29~~ *the California Plumbing Code*, based on the function of the nonresidential area. Where the nonresidential area of the live/work unit is required to be accessible ~~by Section 1103.2.13~~, the plumbing

fixtures specified by ~~Chapter 29~~ *the California Plumbing Code* shall be accessible.

**SECTION 420**
**GROUPS I-1, R-1, R-2, R-3**

***420.7 (HCD 1) Construction waste management.*** *Recycle and/or salvage for reuse a minimum of ~~50~~ 65 percent of the nonhazardous construction and demolition waste in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.4.*

***420.8 Special provisions for residential hotels. (HCD1 & HCD 1-AC)***

***420.8.1 Locking mail receptacles.*** *A locking mail receptacle for each residential unit shall be provided in all residential hotels pursuant to the requirements specified in Health and Safety Code Section 17958.3.*

***420.9 Electric vehicle (EV) charging for new construction****. New Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies shall be provided with an infrastructure to facilitate future installation and use of electric vehicle (EV) chargers in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.1.*

**SECTION 421**
**HYDROGEN FUEL GAS ROOMS**

**421.5 Exhaust ventilation.** Hydrogen fuel gas rooms shall be provided with mechanical exhaust ventilation in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 502.16.1 of the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

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## 7. HCD proposes to repeal and not bring forward Section 420.6 from the 2013 California Building Code.

**CHAPTER 4**
**SPECIAL DETAILED REQUIREMENTS BASED ON USE AND OCCUPANCY**

**SECTION 420**
**GROUPS I-1, R-1, R-2, R-3**

***~~420.6 Carbon monoxide alarms. (HCD1, HCD2 & HCD1-AC)~~***

***~~420.6.1 Carbon monoxide alarms in new construction.~~*** *~~Newly constructed Group R occupancies located in a building containing a fuel-burning appliance or a building that has an attached garage shall be equipped with single station carbon monoxide alarms. The carbon monoxide alarms shall be listed as complying with UL 2034 and shall be installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 720 and the manufacturer's instructions. An open parking garage, as defined in the California Building Code, or an enclosed parking garage ventilated in accordance with the California Mechanical Code shall not be deemed to be an attached garage.~~*

***~~Exception:~~*** *~~Sleeping units or dwelling units that do not themselves contain a fuel-burning appliance or have an attached garage, but that are located in a building with a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage, need not be provided with single station carbon monoxide alarms provided that:~~*

*~~1. The sleeping unit or dwelling unit is located more than one story above or below any story that contains a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage; and~~*

~~2. The sleeping unit or dwelling unit is not connected by duct work or ventilation shafts to any room containing a fuel-burning appliance or to an attached garage; and~~
~~3. The building is equipped with a common area carbon monoxide detection system that includes all enclosed common area spaces.~~

~~**420.6.1.1 Carbon monoxide detection systems.** Carbon monoxide detection systems that include carbon monoxide detectors and audible notification appliances installed and maintained in accordance with this section for carbon monoxide alarms and NFPA 720 shall be permitted. The carbon monoxide detectors shall be listed as complying with UL 2075.~~

~~**420.6.1.2 Power supply.** Carbon monoxide alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring where such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with a battery back-up. Alarm wiring shall be directly connected to the permanent building wiring without a disconnecting switch other than as required for overcurrent protection.~~

~~**Exceptions:**~~

~~1. Where there is no commercial power supply, the carbon monoxide alarm may be solely battery operated.~~

~~2. Other power sources recognized for use by NFPA 720.~~

~~**420.6.1.3 Interconnection.** Where more than one carbon monoxide alarm is required to be installed within the dwelling unit or within a sleeping unit, the alarm shall be interconnected in a manner that activation of one alarm shall activate all of the alarms in the individual unit.~~

~~**420.6.1.4 Alarm requirements.** No person shall install, market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any carbon monoxide device in the State of California unless the device and instructions have been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal.~~

~~Carbon monoxide alarms required by Section 420.6.1 shall be installed and maintained in the following locations:~~

~~1. Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s).~~

~~2. On every level of a dwelling unit including basements.~~

~~3. Group R-1 Occupancies only.~~

~~a. On the ceiling of every sleeping unit or other locations within the sleeping unit in compliance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.~~

~~**420.6.1.5 Multiple-purpose alarms.** Carbon monoxide alarms combined with smoke alarms shall comply with Section 420.6, all applicable standards, and requirements for listing and approval by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, for smoke alarms.~~

~~**420.6.1.6 Visible alarms.** In buildings containing covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter 2, with fuel-burning appliances and/or attached garages as described in Section 420.6.1, all required carbon monoxide alarms shall be equipped with the capability to support visible alarm notification in accordance with NFPA 720.~~

~~**420.6.2 Carbon monoxide alarms in existing dwellings or sleeping units.** Existing Group R occupancies located in a building with a fossil fuel-burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage shall have single station carbon monoxide alarms installed in accordance with this section. The carbon monoxide alarms shall be listed as complying with UL 2034 and be installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 720 and the manufacturer's instructions.~~
~~An open parking garage, as defined in the California Building Code, or an enclosed parking garage ventilated in accordance with the California Mechanical Code shall not be deemed to be an attached garage.~~

~~**Exception:** Sleeping units or dwelling units that do not themselves contain a fossil fuel-burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage, but that are located in a building with a fossil fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage, need not be provided with single station carbon monoxide alarms provided that:~~
~~1. The sleeping unit or dwelling unit is located more than one story above or below any story that contains a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage; and~~

~~*2. The sleeping unit or dwelling unit is not connected by duct work or ventilation shafts to any room containing a fuel-burning appliance or to an attached garage; and*~~

~~*3. The building is equipped with a common area carbon monoxide detection system, carbon monoxide detector or combination detector in the same space as permanently installed fuel-burning appliance(s).*~~

~~***420.6.2.1 Carbon monoxide detection systems.*** *Carbon monoxide detection systems that include carbon monoxide detectors and audible notification appliances, installed and maintained in accordance with this section for carbon monoxide alarms and NFPA 720 shall be permitted. The carbon monoxide detectors shall be listed as complying with UL 2075.*~~

~~***420.6.2.2 Existing dwellings or sleeping units requiring a permit.*** *When a permit is required for alterations, repairs or additions with a total cost or calculated valuation exceeding one thousand dollars ($1,000), existing dwellings or sleeping units with a fossil fuel-burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage shall have a carbon monoxide alarm installed in accordance with Section 420.4.2 420.6.2. Carbon monoxide alarms shall only be required in the specific dwelling unit or sleeping unit for which the permit was obtained.*~~

~~***420.6.2.3 Existing dwellings or sleeping units not requiring a permit (no construction taking place).*** *Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 17926, a carbon monoxide alarm(s) shall be installed in every existing dwelling unit or sleeping unit with a fossil fuel-burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage as follows:*~~

> ~~***420.6.2.3.1 Carbon monoxide alarms on or after July 1, 2011.*** *Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in accordance with Section 420.6.2 in existing detached single-family dwellings or sleeping units intended for human occupancy that have a fossil fuel-burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage. Carbon monoxide alarms in existing buildings are permitted to be solely battery operated or plug-in type with battery back-up in areas where no construction is taking place.*~~
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> ~~***420.6.2.3.2 Carbon monoxide alarms on or after January 1, 2013.*** *Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in accordance with Section 420.4.2 420.6.2 in all other existing dwelling units intended for human occupancy as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 13262(b) that have a fossil fuel-burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage. Carbon monoxide alarms in existing buildings are permitted to be solely battery operated or plug-in type with battery back-up in areas where no construction is taking place.*~~
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> ~~***Note:*** *See Section 420.6.2.3.3, which extends the required carbon monoxide alarms installation date for existing hotel and motel dwelling units intended for human occupancy.*~~
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> ~~***420.6.2.3.3 Carbon monoxide alarms on or after January 1, 2016.*** *Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in accordance with Section 420.6.2 in existing hotel and motel dwelling units intended for human occupancy as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 13262(b) that have a fossil fuel-burning heater or appliance, fireplace or an attached garage. Carbon monoxide alarms in existing buildings are permitted to be solely battery operated or plug-in type with battery back-up in areas where no construction is taking place.*~~

~~***420.6.2.4 Power supply.*** *Carbon monoxide alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring where such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with battery back-up. Alarm wiring shall be directly connected to the permanent building wiring without a disconnecting switch other than as required for overcurrent protection.*~~

> ~~***Exceptions:***~~
>
> ~~*1. In existing dwelling units where there is no commercial power supply, the carbon monoxide alarm may be solely battery operated.*~~
>
> ~~*2. In existing dwelling units, a carbon monoxide alarm is permitted to be solely battery operated or plug-in with a battery backup where repairs or alterations do not result in the removal of wall and ceiling finishes.*~~
>
> ~~*3. In existing dwelling units, a carbon monoxide alarm is permitted to be solely battery operated or plug-in with battery backup where repairs or alterations are limited to the exterior surfaces of*~~

~~*dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck.*~~

~~*4. In existing dwelling units, a carbon monoxide alarm is permitted to be solely battery operated or plug-in with battery backup when work is limited to the installation, alteration or repair of plumbing or mechanical systems or the installation, alteration or repair of electrical systems, which do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure.*~~

~~*5. Other power sources recognized for use by NFPA 720.*~~

~~***420.6.2.5 Interconnection.*** *Where more than one carbon monoxide alarm is required to be installed within the dwelling unit or within a sleeping unit, the alarm shall be interconnected in a manner that activation of one alarm shall activate all of the alarms in the individual unit.*~~

~~***Exceptions:***~~

~~*1. In existing dwelling units or within sleeping units, interconnection is not required where repairs do not result in the removal of wall and ceiling finishes and no previous method for interconnection existed.*~~

~~*2. In existing dwelling units, carbon monoxide alarms are not required to be interconnected where no construction is taking place.*~~

~~*3. In existing dwelling units, carbon monoxide alarms are not required to be interconnected where repairs or alterations are limited to the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck.*~~

~~*4. In existing dwelling units, carbon monoxide alarms are not required to be interconnected when work is limited to the installation, alteration or repair of plumbing or mechanical systems or the installation, alteration or repair of electrical systems, which do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure.*~~

~~***420.6.2.6 Alarm requirements.*** *No person shall install, market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any carbon monoxide device in the State of California unless the device and instructions have been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal.*~~

~~*Carbon monoxide alarms required by Section 420.4.2 420.6.2 shall be installed and maintained in the following locations:*~~

~~*1. Outside of each separate dwelling unit sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedroom(s).*~~

~~*2. On every level of a dwelling unit including basements.*~~

~~*3. Group R-1 Occupancies only.*~~

~~*a. On the ceiling of every sleeping unit or other locations within the sleeping unit in compliance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.*~~

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 8. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 5 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing amendment as follows:

**CHAPTER 5**
**GENERAL BUILDING HEIGHTS AND AREAS**

**503.1 General.** Unless otherwise specifically modified in Chapter 4 and this chapter, building height, number of stories and building area shall not exceed the limits specified in Sections 504 and 506 based on the type of construction as determined by Section 602 and the occupancies as determined by Section 302 except as modified hereafter. Building height, number of stories and building area provisions shall be applied independently. Each portion of a building separated by one or more fire walls complying with Section 706 shall be considered to be a separate building.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11, and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 9. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 6 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing and modified existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 6**
**TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION**

**SECTION 603**
**COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL IN TYPE I AND II CONSTRUCTION**

**603.1 Allowable materials.** Combustible materials shall be permitted in buildings of Type I or Type II construction in the following applications and in accordance with Sections 603.1.1 through 603.1.3:

1. Fire-retardant-treated wood shall be permitted in:

   **….** (No change to text)

25. Materials exposed within plenums complying with Section 602 of the ~~*International*~~ *California Mechanical Code.*

   **….** (No change to text)

**603.1.1 Ducts.** The use of nonmetallic ducts shall be permitted where installed in accordance with the limitations of the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**603.1.2 Piping.** The use of combustible piping materials shall be permitted where installed in accordance with the limitations of the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code and the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code.

**603.1.3 Electrical.** The use of electrical wiring methods with combustible insulation, tubing, raceways and related components shall be permitted when installed in accordance with the limitations of this code *and the California Electrical Code*.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690,

18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11, and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 10. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 7 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with new and existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 7**
**FIRE AND SMOKE PROTECTION FEATURES**

**SECTION 703**
**FIRE RESISTANCE RATINGS AND FIRE TESTS**

**703.4 Automatic sprinklers.** Under the prescriptive fire resistance requirements of this code, the fire-resistance rating of a building element, component or assembly shall be established without the use of automatic sprinklers or any other fire suppression system being incorporated as part of the assembly tested in accordance with the fire exposure, procedures and acceptance criteria specified in ASTM E 119 or UL 263. However, this section shall not prohibit or limit the duties and powers of the building official allowed by Sections 104.10, ~~and~~ 104.11 *and 1.8.7, as applicable*.

**SECTION 712**
**VERTICAL OPENINGS**

**712.1.6 (Formerly 712.1.5) Ducts and air transfer openings.** Penetrations by ducts and air transfer openings shall be protected in accordance with Section 717. Grease ducts shall be protected in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 717**
**DUCTS AND AIR TRANSFER OPENINGS**

**717.2.2 Hazardous exhaust ducts.** Fire dampers for hazardous exhaust duct systems shall comply with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**717.5.3 Shaft enclosures.** Shaft enclosures that are permitted to be penetrated by ducts and air transfer openings shall be protected with approved fire and smoke dampers installed in accordance with their listing.

**Exceptions:**

1. Fire dampers are not required at penetrations of shafts where:
   **….** (No change to text)
5. Fire dampers and combination fire/smoke dampers are not required in kitchen and clothes dryer exhaust systems when installed in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**717.5.4 Fire partitions.** Ducts and air transfer openings that penetrate fire partitions shall be protected with listed fire dampers installed in accordance with their listing.

**Exceptions:** In occupancies other than Group H, fire dampers are not required where any of the following apply:

1. Corridor walls in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2 and the duct is protected as a through penetration in accordance with Section 714.

   **….** (No change to text)

3. The duct system is constructed of approved materials in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code and the duct penetrating the wall complies with all of the following requirements:

**….** (No change to text)

**717.6.1 Through penetrations.** In occupancies other than Groups I-2 and I-3, a duct constructed of approved materials in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code that penetrates a fire-resistance-rated floor/ceiling assembly that connects not more than two stories is permitted without shaft enclosure protection, provided a listed fire damper is installed at the floor line or the duct is protected in accordance with Section 714.4. For air transfer openings, see Exception 7 to Section 712.1.9.

**717.6.2 Membrane penetrations.** Ducts and air transfer openings constructed of approved materials in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code that penetrate the ceiling membrane of a fire-resistance-rated floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assembly shall be protected with one of the following:

**…** (No change to text)

**717.6.3 Nonfire-resistance-rated floor assemblies.** Duct systems constructed of approved materials in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code that penetrate nonfire-resistance-rated floor assemblies shall be protected by any of the following methods:

**…** (No change to text)

## SECTION 718
## CONCEALED SPACES

**718.5 Combustible materials in concealed spaces in Type I or II construction.** Combustible materials shall not be permitted in concealed spaces of buildings of Type I or II construction.

**Exceptions:**

1. Combustible materials in accordance with Section 603.
2. Combustible materials exposed within plenums complying with Section 602 of the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**….** (No change to text)

5. Combustible piping within concealed ceiling spaces installed in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code and the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code.

## SECTION 720
## THERMAL-AND SOUND-INSULATING MATERIALS

**720.1 General.** Insulating materials, including facings such as vapor retarders and vapor-permeable membranes, similar coverings and all layers of single and multilayer reflective foil insulations, shall comply with the requirements of this section. Where a flame spread index or a smoke-developed index is specified in this section, such index shall be determined in accordance with ASTM E 84 or UL 723. Any material that is subject to an increase in flame spread index or smoke-developed index beyond the limits herein established through the effects of age, moisture or other atmospheric conditions shall not be permitted.

**Exceptions:**

1. Fiberboard insulation shall comply with Chapter 23.

**….** (No change to text)

3. Duct and pipe insulation and duct and pipe coverings and linings in plenums shall comply with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**….** (No change to text)

**720.7 Insulation and covering on pipe and tubing.** Insulation and covering on pipe and tubing shall have a flame spread index of not more than 25 and a smoke-developed index of not more than 450.

**Exception:** Insulation and covering on pipe and tubing installed in plenums shall comply with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 721**
**PRESCRIPTIVE FIRE RESISTANCE**

***721.2 Cellular concrete. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)***

***721.2.1 Use and application. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Controlled-density cellular concrete, when used or applied, shall be in accordance with the use of materials in Bulletin No. 65 of the Federal Housing Administration, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.*

***Exceptions:***

1. *Regardless of the provisions of Subsections 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.6 in Section 3, Bulletin No. 65 provisions relating to proportioning, mixing and testing, in the following shall apply to this chapter.*

   1.1. *Field-control weighings for control of the wet-unit weight shall be made. The design wet-unit weight for field control of the concrete shall be based on previously established data for the relation between the wet-unit weight and the air-dry-unit weight at 28 days for the mix being placed. Field-control weighings for determining the wet-unit weight shall be made at the mixer discharge and at the point of deposit. There should be one pair of weighings per batch for batch-type mixers unless equipment is provided with scales allowing the operator to adequately weigh materials.*

   *For continuous weight-instrumented batch mixers, there should be one pair of weighings per 10 cubic yards (7.65 m³). The gain in unit weight between the mixer discharge and point of deposit shall not exceed 5 percent. The wet-unit weight at the point of deposit of the concrete shall not exceed plus 5 percent of the design wet-unit weight. A variation exceeding plus 5 percent of the design wet-unit weight shall require a modification of the mix proportions, a change of materials or a change in the mixing procedure.*

   1.2. *When tests are required by the enforcing agency, they shall be performed in the following manner:*
   *Two test cylinders, for compressive strength tests, shall be made for each 8,000 square feet (743 m2) of surface area placed. A minimum of two test cylinders shall be made each day. Each strength test result shall be the average of two cylinders from the same sample tested at 28 days or at a specified earlier date.*

   1.3. *The minimum air-dry density shall be 90 pounds per cubic foot (1,440 kg/m³). The minimum design compressive strength shall be 1,000 psi (6,890 kPa) when the curing procedure specified herein is applied. The minimum design compressive strength shall be 1,250 psi (8,619 kPa) if the slab is placed in a covered area of a building and a specified curing medium is not applied. The specified design compressive strength shall be increased 20 percent when the specified strength is greater than 1,000 psi (6,890 kPa) and the slab is placed in a covered area of a building and a specified curing medium is not applied.*

   1.4. *The cellular concrete shall be sampled at the point of deposit in accordance with the applicable procedures of ASTM C 172, Sampling Fresh Concrete. Cylinder molds shall be either 3 inches by 6 inches (76 mm by 152 mm) or 6 inches by 12 inches (152 mmby 305 mm). Lightly tap the sides of the mold with a rubber hammer while filling the mold instead of rodding the mix. Moist cure the specimens for seven days at 73.4°F (40.8°C) plus or minus 3°F (1.7°C). At the age of seven days, remove the specimens from the moist condition and store in a temperature of 73.4°F (40.8°C) plus or minus 3°F (1.7°C) and a relative humidity of 50 plus or minus 10 percent for 21 days; remove and air dry until the time of test at 28 days. The compressive strength test shall be in accordance with ASTM C 39, Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens. Determine the air-dry-unit weight at 28 days.*

2. *Regardless of the provisions of Subsections 4.1 and 4.2 in Section 4 of Bulletin No. 65, relating to placing, finishing and curing, the following shall apply to these regulations.*

   2.1. *The concrete shall be placed, finished and cured to produce a level, smooth surface. The concrete shall be placed in a single layer to a minimum thickness of 11/2 inches (38 mm). The deviation from a plan shall not exceed 1/4 inch (6 mm) in any 10 feet (3048 mm). The final finish*

*of the concrete shall be suitable for the application of the specified wear- resistant covering. Cracks wider than 1/8 inch (3 mm) shall be repaired.*

*2.2. Install a water-resistant membrane between wood or plywood subfloors and the cellular concrete to prevent leakage of the concrete and wetting of the subfloor. The membrane shall consist of waterproof paper or plastic sheets conforming to ASTM C 171, Sheet Materials for Curing Concrete, or Type 15 roofing felt conforming to ASTM D 226, D 250 or D 227, or Federal Specification UUB790, Building Paper Vegetable Fiber: (Kraft, Waterproofed, Water Repellent and Fire-resistant) Type 1, Grade B. The sheets shall be securely fastened to the subfloor.*

*3. Regardless of the provisions of Subsections 6.1 and 6.2 in Section 6, of Bulletin No. 65, relating to applicator qualifications and warranty, these subsections are omitted from this chapter.*

**NOTE**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 11. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 8 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code without amendments:

**CHAPTER 8**
**INTERIOR FINISHES**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 12. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 9, except Section 908.7, from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with new and existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 9**
**FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

**SECTION 903**
**AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

**903.2.11.4 Ducts conveying hazardous exhausts.** Where required by the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code, automatic sprinklers shall be provided in ducts conveying hazardous exhaust, or flammable or combustible materials.

**Exception:** Ducts in which the largest cross-sectional diameter of the duct is less than 10 inches (254 mm).

**903.3.5 Water supplies.** Water supplies for automatic sprinkler systems shall comply with this section and the standards referenced in Section 903.3.1. The potable water supply shall be protected against backflow in accordance with the requirements of this section and the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code. For connections to public

waterworks systems, the water supply test used for design of fire protection systems shall be adjusted to account for seasonal and daily pressure fluctuations based on information from the water supply authority and as approved by the fire code official.

## SECTION 904
## ALTERNATIVE AUTOMATIC FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS

**904.2.2 (Formerly 904.2.1) Commercial hood and duct systems.** Each required commercial kitchen exhaust hood and duct system required by Section 609 of the ~~International~~ *California* Fire Code or ~~Chapter 5 of~~ the ~~*International*~~ *California* Mechanical Code to have a Type I hood shall be protected with an approved automatic fire-extinguishing system installed in accordance with this code.

**904.3 Installation.** Automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall be installed in accordance with this section.

**904.3.1 Electrical wiring.** Electrical wiring shall be in accordance with ~~NFPA 70~~ *the California Electrical Code.*

**904.11.1.3 Water supply protection.** Connections to a potable water supply shall be protected against backflow in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code.

## SECTION 907
## FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS

**907.3.1 Duct smoke detectors.** Smoke detectors installed in ducts shall be listed for the air velocity, temperature and humidity present in the duct. Duct smoke detectors shall be connected to the building's fire alarm control unit when a fire alarm system is required by Section 907.2. Activation of a duct smoke detector shall initiate a visible and audible supervisory signal at a constantly attended location and shall perform the intended fire safety function in accordance with this code and the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code. In facilities that are required to be monitored by a supervising station, duct smoke detectors shall report only as a supervisory signal and not as a fire alarm. They shall not be used as a substitute for required open area detection.

**907.5.2.3.3 (Formerly 907.5.2.3.4) Group R-2.** In Group R-2 occupancies required by Section 907 to have a fire alarm system, all dwelling units and sleeping units shall be provided with the capability to support visible alarm notification appliances in accordance with ~~Chapter 10 of ICC A117.1~~ *NFPA 72*. Such capability shall be permitted to include the potential for future interconnection of the building fire alarm system with the unit smoke alarms, replacement of audible appliances with combination audible/visible appliances, or future extension of the existing wiring from the unit smoke alarm locations to required locations for visible appliances.

**907.6.1 Wiring.** Wiring shall comply with the requirements of ~~NFPA 70~~ *California Electrical Code* and NFPA 72. Wireless protection systems utilizing radio-frequency transmitting devices shall comply with the special requirements for supervision of low-power wireless systems in NFPA 72.

## SECTION 908
## EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS

**908.6 Refrigerant detector.** Machinery rooms shall contain a refrigerant detector with an audible and visual alarm. The detector, or a sampling tube that draws air to the detector, shall be located in an area where refrigerant from a leak will concentrate. The alarm shall be actuated at a value not greater than the corresponding TLV-TWA values for the refrigerant classification indicated in the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code. Detectors and alarms shall be placed in approved locations.

## SECTION 909
## SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEMS

**909.1 Scope and purpose.** This section applies to mechanical or passive smoke control systems when they are required by other provisions of this code. The purpose of this section is to establish minimum requirements for the design, installation and acceptance testing of smoke control systems that are intended to provide a tenable environment for the evacuation or relocation of occupants. These provisions are not intended for the preservation of contents, the timely restoration of operations or for assistance in fire suppression or overhaul activities. Smoke

control systems regulated by this section serve a different purpose than the smoke- and heat-venting provisions found in Section 910. Mechanical smoke control systems shall not be considered exhaust systems under Chapter 5 of the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**909.10.2 Ducts.** Duct materials and joints shall be capable of withstanding the probable temperatures and pressures to which they are exposed as determined in accordance with Section 909.10.1. Ducts shall be constructed and supported in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code. Ducts shall be leak tested to 1.5 times the maximum design pressure in accordance with nationally accepted practices. Measured leakage shall not exceed 5 percent of design flow. Results of such testing shall be a part of the documentation procedure. Ducts shall be supported directly from fire-resistance-rated structural elements of the building by substantial, noncombustible supports.

**Exception:** Flexible connections, for the purpose of vibration isolation, complying with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code, that are constructed of approved fire-resistance-rated materials.

**909.12.2 (Formerly 909.12.1) Wiring.** In addition to meeting requirements of ~~NFPA 70~~ *California Electrical Code*, all wiring, regardless of voltage, shall be fully enclosed within continuous raceways.

**909.13.1 Materials.** Control-air tubing shall be hard drawn copper, Type L, ACR in accordance with ASTM B 42, ASTM B 43, ASTM B 68, ASTM B 88, ASTM B 251 and ASTM B 280. Fittings shall be wrought copper or brass, solder type in accordance with ASME B 16.18 or ASME B16.22. Changes in direction shall be made with appropriate tool bends. Brass compression-type fittings shall be used at final connection to devices; other joints shall be brazed using a BCuP-5 brazing alloy with solidus above 1,100°F (593°C) and liquids below 1,500°F (816°C). Brazing flux shall be used on copper-to-brass joints only.

**Exception:** Nonmetallic tubing used within control panels and at the final connection to devices provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. Tubing shall comply with the requirements of ~~Section 602.2.1.3~~ *Chapter 6* of the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**909.16.3 Control action and priorities.** The firefighter's control panel actions shall be as follows:

1. ON-OFF and OPEN-CLOSE control actions shall have the highest priority of any control point within the building. Once issued from the fire-fighter's control panel, no automatic or manual control from any other control point within the building shall contradict the control action. Where automatic means are provided to interrupt normal, nonemergency equipment operation or produce a specific result to safeguard the building or equipment (i.e., duct freezestats, duct smoke detectors, high-temperature cutouts, temperature-actuated linkage and similar devices), such means shall be capable of being overridden by the fire-fighter's control panel. The last control panel switch position shall prevail. In no case shall control actions require the smoke control system to assume more than one configuration at any one time.

   **Exception:** Power disconnects required by ~~NFPA 70~~ *California Electrical Code*.

## SECTION 910
## SMOKE AND HEAT REMOVAL

**910.4.6 Control wiring.** Wiring for operation and control of mechanical smoke removal systems shall be connected ahead of the main disconnect in accordance with Section 701.12E of ~~NFPA 70~~ *the California Electrical Code* and be protected against interior fire exposure to temperatures in excess of 1,000°F (538°C) for a period of not less than 15 minutes.

**910.4.7 Controls.** Where building air-handling and mechanical smoke removal systems are combined or where independent building air-handling systems are provided, fans shall automatically shut down in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code. The manual controls provided for the smoke removal system shall have the capability to override the automatic shutdown of fans that are part of the smoke removal system.

## SECTION 912
## FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS

**912.6 (Formerly 912.5) Backflow protection.** The potable water supply to automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems shall be protected against backflow as required by the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code.

## SECTION 915
## CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION

**915.1 General.** Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in new buildings in accordance with Sections 915.1.1 through ~~915.6~~ *915.7*. Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in existing buildings in accordance with ~~Chapter 11 of the International Fire Code~~ *this section*.

*Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 17926, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in all existing Group R buildings as required in this section.*

**915.1.1 Where required.** Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in Group I-1, I-2, I-4 and R occupancies and in classrooms in Group E occupancies in the locations specified in Section 915.2 where any of the conditions in Sections 915.1.2 through 915.1.6 exist.

**915.1.2 Fuel-burning appliances and fuel-burning fireplaces.** Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in dwelling units, sleeping units and classrooms that contain a fuel-burning appliance or a fuel-burning fireplace.

**915.1.3 Forced-air furnaces.** Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in dwelling units, sleeping units and classrooms served by a fuel-burning, forced-air furnace.

**Exception:** Carbon monoxide detection shall not be required in dwelling units, sleeping units and classrooms if carbon monoxide detection is provided in the first room or area served by each main duct leaving the furnace, and the carbon monoxide alarm signals are automatically transmitted to an approved location.

**915.1.4 Fuel-burning appliances outside of dwelling units, sleeping units and classrooms.** Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in dwelling units, sleeping units and classrooms located in buildings that contain fuel burning appliances or fuel-burning fireplaces.

**Exceptions:**

1. Carbon monoxide detection shall not be required in dwelling units, sleeping units and classrooms where there are no communicating openings between the fuel-burning appliance or fuel-burning fireplace and the dwelling unit, sleeping unit or classroom.
2. Carbon monoxide detection shall not be required in dwelling units, sleeping units and classrooms where carbon monoxide detection is provided in one of the following locations:
   - 2.1. In an approved location between the fuel burning appliance or fuel-burning fireplace and the dwelling unit, sleeping unit or classroom.
   - 2.2. On the ceiling of the room containing the fuel-burning appliance or fuel-burning fireplace.

**915.1.5 Private garages.** Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in dwelling units, sleeping units and classrooms in buildings with attached private garages.

**Exceptions:**

1. Carbon monoxide detection shall not be required where there are no communicating openings between the private garage and the dwelling unit, sleeping unit or classroom.
2. Carbon monoxide detection shall not be required in dwelling units, sleeping units and classrooms located more than one story above or below a private garage.
3. Carbon monoxide detection shall not be required where the private garage connects to the building through an open-ended corridor.
4. Where carbon monoxide detection is provided in an approved location between openings to a private garage and dwelling units, sleeping units or classrooms, carbon monoxide detection shall not be required in the dwelling units, sleeping units or classrooms.

**915.1.6 Exempt garages.** For determining compliance with Section 915.1.5, an open parking garage complying with Section 406.5 or an enclosed parking garage complying with Section 406.6 shall not be considered a private garage.

**915.2 Locations.** Where required by Section 915.1.1, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed *in accordance with the manufacturer's published instructions* in the locations specified in Sections 915.2.1 through 915.2.3.

**915.2.1 Dwelling units.** Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in dwelling units *in the following locations:*

1. ~~outside~~ *Outside* of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.

*2. On every occupiable level of a dwelling unit, including basements.*

*3.* Where a fuel-burning appliance is located within a bedroom or its attached bathroom, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed within the bedroom.

**915.2.2 Sleeping units.** Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in sleeping units.

**Exception:** Carbon monoxide detection shall be allowed to be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping unit where the sleeping unit or its attached bathroom does not contain a fuel-burning appliance and is not served by a forced air furnace.

**915.2.3 Group E occupancies.** Carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in classrooms in Group E occupancies. Carbon monoxide alarm signals shall be automatically transmitted to an on-site location that is staffed by school personnel.

**Exception:** Carbon monoxide alarm signals shall not be required to be automatically transmitted to an on-site location that is staffed by school personnel in Group E occupancies with an occupant load of 30 or less.

**915.3 Detection equipment.** Carbon monoxide detection required by Sections 915.1 through 915.2.3 shall be provided by carbon monoxide alarms complying with Section 915.4 or carbon monoxide detection systems complying with Section 915.5.

**915.4 Carbon monoxide alarms.** Carbon monoxide alarms shall comply with Sections 915.4.1 through 915.4.~~3~~ 4.

**915.4.1 Power source.** Carbon monoxide alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring where such wiring is served from a commercial source, and when primary power is interrupted, shall receive power from a battery. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than that required for overcurrent protection.

**Exceptions:**

*1.* Where installed in buildings without commercial power, battery-powered carbon monoxide alarms shall be an acceptable alternative.

*2. Carbon monoxide alarms in Group R occupancies shall be permitted to receive their primary power from other power sources recognized for use by NFPA 720.*

*3. Carbon monoxide alarms in Group R occupancies shall be permitted to be battery-powered or plug-in with a battery backup in existing buildings built prior to January 1, 2011, under any of the following conditions:*

*3.1. No construction is taking place.*

*3.2. Repairs or alterations do not result in the removal of interior wall and ceiling finishes exposing the structure in areas/spaces where carbon monoxide alarms are required.*

*3.3. Repairs or alterations are limited to the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck.*

*3.4. Work is limited to the installation, alteration or repair of plumbing, mechanical or electrical systems, which do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure in areas/spaces where carbon monoxide alarms are required.*

**915.4.2 Listings.** Carbon monoxide alarms shall be listed in accordance with UL 2034.

*No person shall install, market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any carbon monoxide device in the State of California unless the device and instructions have been approved and listed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.*

**915.4.3 Combination alarms.** Combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarms shall be an acceptable alternative to carbon monoxide alarms. Combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarms shall be listed in accordance with UL 2034 and UL 217.

*Combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarms shall comply with Section 915, and all requirements for listing and approval by the Office of the State Fire Marshal for smoke alarms.*

***915.4.4 Interconnection.*** *Where more than one carbon monoxide alarm is required to be installed within a dwelling unit or within a sleeping unit in Group R occupancies, the alarms shall be interconnected in a manner that activation of one alarm shall activate all of the alarms in the individual unit.*

***Exception:*** *Interconnection is not required in existing buildings, built prior to January 1, 2011, under any of the following conditions:*

*1. Physical interconnection is not required where listed wireless alarms are installed and all alarms sound upon activation of one alarm.*

*2. No construction is taking place.*

*3. Repairs or alterations do not result in the removal of interior wall and ceiling finishes exposing the structure in areas/spaces where carbon monoxide alarms are required.*

*4. Repairs or alterations are limited to the exterior surfaces of dwellings, such as the replacement of roofing or siding, or the addition or replacement of windows or doors, or the addition of a porch or deck.*

*5. Work is limited to the installation, alteration or repair of plumbing, mechanical, or electrical systems, which do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure in areas/spaces where carbon monoxide alarms are required.*

**915.5 Carbon monoxide detection systems.** Carbon monoxide detection systems shall be an acceptable alternative to carbon monoxide alarms and shall comply with Sections 915.5.1 through 915.5.3.

**915.5.1 General.** Carbon monoxide detection systems shall comply with NFPA 720. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be listed in accordance with UL 2075.

**915.5.2 Locations.** Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed in the locations specified in Section 915.2 *or NFPA 720*. ~~These locations supersede the locations specified in NFPA 720.~~

**915.5.3 Combination detectors.** Combination carbon monoxide/smoke detectors installed in carbon monoxide detection systems shall be an acceptable alternative to carbon monoxide detectors, provided they are listed in accordance with UL 2075 and UL 268.

*Combination carbon monoxide/smoke detectors shall comply with all requirements for listing and approval by the Office of the State Fire Marshal for smoke alarms.*

**915.6 Maintenance.** Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with ~~the International Fire Code~~ *NFPA 720*. *Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detectors that become inoperable or begin producing end-of-life signals shall be replaced.*

***915.7 Visible alarms. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *In buildings containing covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter 2, all required carbon monoxide alarms shall be equipped with the capability to support visible alarm notification in accordance with NFPA 720.*

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 13. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 10 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with new, existing, and modified existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 10**
**MEANS OF EGRESS**

**SECTION 1002**
**DEFINITIONS**

**GUARD** ***((HCD 1, & HCD 2 & HCD 1-AC) or GUARDRAIL).***

**SECTION 1003**
**GENERAL MEANS OF EGRESS**

**1003.1 Applicability.** The general requirements specified in Sections 1003 through 1015 shall apply to all three elements of the means of egress system, in addition to those specific requirements for the exit access, the exit and the exit discharge detailed elsewhere in this chapter.

***(HCD 1-AC)*** *In addition to the requirement of this chapter, means of egress, which provide access to, or egress from, buildings or facilities where accessibility is required for applications listed in Section 1.8.2.1.2 regulated by the Department of Housing and Community Development, shall also comply with Chapter 11A.*

**1003.2 Ceiling height.** The means of egress shall have a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet 6 inches (2286 mm).

**Exceptions:**

1. Sloped ceilings in accordance with Section 1208.2.

**…** (No change to text)

7. The clear height of floor levels in vehicular and pedestrian traffic areas of public and private parking garages in accordance with Section 406.4.1.
   ~~***(HCD 1-AC)*** *The clear height of vehicle and pedestrian areas required to be accessible, or identified as accessible, shall comply with Chapter 11A.*~~

8. Areas above and below mezzanine floors in accordance with Section 505.2.

**1003.3 Protruding objects. …** (No change to text)

**1003.3.4 Clear width.** Protruding objects shall not reduce the minimum clear width of accessible routes *as required in Chapter 11A.*

**1003.5 Elevation change.** Where changes in elevation of less than 12 inches (305 mm) exist in the means of egress, sloped surfaces shall be used. Where the slope is greater than one unit vertical in 20 units horizontal (5 percent slope), ramps complying with Section 1012 shall be used. Where the difference in elevation is 6 inches (152 mm) or less, the ramp shall be equipped with either handrails or floor finish materials that contrast with adjacent floor finish materials.

**Exceptions:**

1. A single step with a maximum riser height of 7 inches (178 mm) is permitted for buildings with occupancies in Groups F, H, R-2, R-3, S and U at exterior doors not required to be accessible by Chapter 11*A*.
2. A stair with a single riser or with two risers and a tread is permitted at locations not required to be accessible by Chapter 11*A* where the risers and treads comply with Section 1011.5, the minimum depth of the tread is 13 inches (330 mm) and at least one handrail complying with Section 1014 is provided within 30 inches (762 mm) of the centerline of the normal path of egress travel on the stair.

3. A step is permitted in aisles serving seating that has a difference in elevation less than 12 inches (305 mm) at locations not required to be accessible by Chapter 11*A*, provided that the risers and treads comply with Section 1029.13 and the aisle is provided with a handrail complying with Section 1029.15.

Throughout a story in a Group I-2 occupancy, any change in elevation in portions of the means of egress that serve nonambulatory persons shall be by means of a ramp or sloped walkway.

**SECTION 1006**
**NUMBER OF EXITS AND EXIT ACCESS DOORWAYS**
**(Formerly Section 1015**
**EXIT AND EXIT ACCESS DOORWAYS)**

**1006.2.2.3 (Formerly 1015.5) Refrigerated rooms or spaces.** Rooms or spaces having a floor area larger than 1,000 square feet (93 $m^2$), containing a refrigerant evaporator and maintained at a temperature below 68°F (20°C), shall have access to not less than two exits or exit access doors.

Exit access travel distance shall be determined as specified in Section 1017.1, but all portions of a refrigerated room or space shall be within 150 feet (45 720 mm) of an exit or exit access doorway where such rooms are not protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system. Egress is allowed through adjoining refrigerated rooms or spaces.

**Exception:** Where using refrigerants in quantities limited to the amounts based on the volume set forth in the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 1009 (Formerly 1007)**
**ACCESSIBLE MEANS OF EGRESS**

**1009.1 (Formerly 1007.1) Accessible means of egress required.** Accessible means of egress shall comply with this section. Accessible spaces shall be provided with not less than one accessible means of egress. Where more than one means of egress are required by Section 1006.2 or 1006.3 from any accessible space, each accessible portion of the space shall be served by ~~not less than two~~ accessible means of egress *in at least the same number as required by Sections ~~1015.1 or 1021.1~~ 1006.2 or 1006.3. In addition to the requirements of this chapter, means of egress, which provide access to, or egress from, buildings for persons with disabilities, shall also comply with the requirements of Chapter 11A.*

**Exceptions:**

1. Accessible means of egress are not required to be provided in existing buildings.
2. One accessible means of egress is required from an accessible mezzanine level in accordance with Section 1009.3, 1009.4 or 1009.5*, and Chapter 11A.*
3. In assembly areas with ramped aisles or stepped aisles, one accessible means of egress is permitted where the common path of egress travel is accessible and meets the requirements in Section 1029.8*, and Chapter 11A.*

**1009.2 (Formerly 1007.2) Continuity and components.** Each required accessible means of egress shall be continuous to a public way and shall consist of one or more of the following components:

1. Accessible routes complying with ~~Section 1104~~ *Chapter 11A, Sections 1110A.1 and 1120A.*
2. Interior exit stairways complying with Sections 1009.3 and 1023*, and Chapter 11A, Section 1123A.*
3. Exit access stairways complying with Sections 1009.3 and 1019.3 or 1019.4*, and Chapter 11A, Section 1123A.*
4. Exterior exit stairways complying with Sections 1009.3 and 1027, and *Chapter 11A, Section 1115A;* and serving levels other than the level of exit discharge.
5. Elevators complying with Section 1009.4 *and Chapter 11A, Section 1124A.*
6. Platform lifts complying with Section 1009.5 *and Chapter 11A, Section 1124A.*
7. Horizontal exits complying with Section 1026.
8. Ramps complying with Section 1012 *and Chapter 11A, Sections 1114A and 1122A.*

9. Areas of refuge complying with Section 1009.6.

10. Exterior areas for assisted rescue complying with Section 1009.7 serving exits at the level of exit discharge.

**1009.3 (Formerly 1007.3) Stairways.** In order to be considered part of an accessible means of egress, a stairway between stories shall have a clear width of 48 inches (1219 mm) minimum between handrails and shall either incorporate an area of refuge within an enlarged floor-level landing or shall be accessed from an area of refuge complying with Section 1009.6. Exit access stairways that connect levels in the same story are not permitted as part of an accessible means of egress.

***(HCD 1-AC)*** *In addition, exit stairways shall comply with Chapter 11A, Sections 1115A and 1123A.*

**1009.5 (Formerly 1007.5) Platform lifts.** Platform lifts shall be permitted to serve as part of an accessible means of egress where allowed as part of a required accessible route in ~~Section 1109.8 except for Item 10.~~ *Chapter 11A, Sections 1121A and 1124A.1*. Standby power for the platform lift shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 27.

**1009.6 (Formerly 1007.6) Area of refuge….**(No change to text)

**1009.6.3 (Formerly 1007.6.1) Size.** Each area of refuge shall be sized to accommodate ~~one~~ *two* wheelchair space*s that are not less than* ~~of~~ 30 inches by 48 inches (762 mm by 1219 mm). *The total number of such 30-inch by 48-inch (762 mm by 1219 mm) spaces per story shall be not less than one for every 200 persons of calculated occupant load served by the area of refuge.* ~~for each 200 occupants or portion thereof, based on occupant load of the area of refuge and areas served by the area of refuge.~~ Such wheelchair spaces shall not reduce the required means egress width. Access to any of the required wheelchair spaces in an area of refuge shall not be obstructed by more than one adjoining wheelchair space.

***Exception:*** *The enforcing agency may reduce the size of each required area of refuge to accommodate one wheelchair space that is not less than 30 inches by 48 inches (762 mm by 1219 mm) on floors where the occupant load is less than 200.*

**1009.8 (Formerly 1007.8) Two way communication. …** (No change to text)

**1009.8.1 (Formerly 1007.8.1) System requirements. …** (No change to text)

***1009.8.1.1*** **(Formerly 1007.8.1.1)** ***Visible communication method. (HCD 1-AC)*** *A button complying with Section 1138A.4 in the area of refuge shall activate both a light in the area of refuge indicating that rescue has been requested and a light at the central control point indicating that rescue is being requested. A button at the central control point shall activate both a light at the central control point and a light in the area of refuge indicating that the request has been received.*

**1009.8.2 Directions.** Directions for the use of the two-way communication system, instructions for summoning assistance via the two-way communication system and written identification of the location shall be posted adjacent to the two-way communication system. Signage shall comply with ~~the ICC A117.~~1 *Chapter 11A, Section 1143A* requirements for visual characters.

**1009.9 (Formerly 1007.9) Signage.** Signage indicating special accessibility provisions shall be provided as shown:

1. Each door providing access to an area of refuge from an adjacent floor area shall be identified by a sign stating: AREA OF REFUGE.
2. Each door providing access to an exterior area for assisted rescue shall be identified by a sign stating: EXTERIOR AREA FOR ASSISTED RESCUE.

Signage shall comply with ~~the ICC A117.~~1 *Chapter 11A, Section 1143A* requirements for visual characters and include the International Symbol of Accessibility. Where exit sign illumination is required by Section 1013.3, the signs shall be illuminated. Additionally, visual characters, raised character and braille signage complying with ~~ICC A117.1~~ *Chapter 11A, Section 1143A, and the International Symbol of Accessibility,* shall be located at each door to an area of refuge and exterior area for assisted rescue in accordance with Section 1013.4. *The International Symbol of Accessibility shall comply with Chapter 11A, Section 1143A.*

**1009.11 Instructions.** In areas of refuge and exterior areas for assisted rescue, instructions on the use of the area under emergency conditions shall be posted. Signage shall comply with ~~the ICC A117.~~1 *Chapter 11A, Section 1143A* requirements for visual characters. The instructions shall include all of the following:

1. Persons able to use the exit stairway do so as soon as possible, unless they are assisting others.
2. Information on planned availability of assistance in the use of stairs or supervised operation of elevators and how to summon such assistance.
3. Directions for use of the two-way communication system where provided.

***~~1007.12~~ 1009.12 Alarms/emergency warning systems/accessibility.*** *If emergency warning systems are required, they shall activate a means of warning the hearing impaired. Emergency warning systems as part of the fire-alarm system shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 72 as amended in Chapter 35.*

**SECTION 1010 (Formerly 1008)**
**DOORS, GATES AND TURNSTILES**

**1010.1.1 (Formerly 1008.1.1) Size of doors.** The required capacity of each door opening shall be sufficient for the occupant load thereof and shall provide a minimum clear width of 32 inches (813 mm). Clear openings of doorways with swinging doors shall be measured between the face of the door and the stop, with the door open 90 degrees (1.57 rad). Where this section requires a minimum clear width of 32 inches (813 mm) and a door opening includes two door leaves without a mullion, one leaf shall provide a clear opening width of 32 inches (813 mm). The maximum width of a swinging door leaf shall be 48 inches (1219 mm) nominal. Means of egress doors in a Group I-2 occupancy used for the movement of beds shall provide a clear width not less than 41 ½ inches (1054 mm). The height of door openings shall not be less than 80 inches (2032 mm).

**Exceptions:**

1. The minimum and maximum width shall not apply to door openings that are not part of the required means of egress in Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies.

2 **...** (No change to text)

3. **…** (No change to text)

4. **…** (No change to text)

5. **…** (No change to text)

6. **…** (No change to text)

7. In other than Group R-1 occupancies, the minimum widths shall not apply to interior egress doors within a dwelling unit or sleeping unit that is not required to be ~~an Accessible unit, Type A unit or Type B unit~~ *adaptable or accessible as specified in Chapter 11A*.

~~8. Door openings required to be accessible within Type B units shall have a minimum clear width of 31.75 inches (806 mm).~~

~~9~~ 8. Doors to walk-in freezers and coolers less than 1,000 square feet (93 m2) in area shall have a maximum width of 60 inches (1524 mm).

~~10~~ 9. In Group R-1 dwelling units or sleeping units not required to be ~~Accessible units~~ *adaptable or accessible as specified in Chapter 11A*, the minimum width shall not apply to doors for showers or saunas.

**1010.1.4.1 (Formerly 1008.1.4.1) Revolving doors.** Revolving doors shall comply with the following:

1. Revolving doors shall comply with BHMA A156.27 and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**…** (No change to text)

7. **(Formerly Item 5)** Revolving doors shall not be part of an accessible route required by Section 1009 and ~~Chapter 11~~ *Chapter 11A*.

**1010.1.5 (Formerly 1008.1.5) Floor elevation.** There shall be a floor or landing on each side of a door. Such floor or landing shall be at the same elevation on each side of the door. Landings shall be level except for exterior landings, which are permitted to have a slope not to exceed 0.25 unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope).

**Exceptions:**

1. Doors serving individual dwelling units in Groups R-2 and R-3 where the following apply:
2. **…** (No change to text)
3. In Group R-3 occupancies not required to be ~~Accessible units, Type A units or Type B units~~ *adaptable or accessible*, the landing at an exterior doorway shall not be more than 7 3/4 inches (197 mm) below the top of the threshold, provided the door, other than an exterior storm or screen door, does not swing over the landing.
4. **…** (No change to text)
5. Exterior decks, patios or balconies that are part of ~~*Type B*~~ *adaptable or accessible* dwelling units, have impervious surfaces and that are not more than 4 inches (102 mm) below the finished floor level of the adjacent interior space of the dwelling unit. *See also Chapter 11A, Section 1132A.4.*
6. Doors serving equipment spaces not required to be accessible in accordance with Section 1103.2.9 and serving an occupant load of five or less shall be permitted to have a landing on one side to be not more than 7 inches (178 mm) above or below the landing on the egress side of the door.

**1010.1.7 (Formerly 1008.1.7) Thresholds.** Thresholds at doorways shall not exceed 3/4 inch (19.1 mm) in height above the finished floor or landing for sliding doors serving dwelling units or 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) above the finished floor or landing for other doors. Raised thresholds and floor level changes greater than 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) at doorways shall be beveled with a slope not greater than one unit vertical in two units horizontal (50-percent slope).

**Exceptions:**

1. In occupancy Group R-2 or R-3, threshold heights for sliding and side-hinged exterior doors shall be permitted to be up to 7 3/4 inches (197 mm) in height if all of the following apply:

   1.1 The door is not part of the required means of egress.

   1.2 The door is not part of an accessible route as required by Chapter 11*A*.

   1.3 The door is not part of an ~~Accessible unit, Type A unit or Type B unit~~ *adaptable or accessible dwelling unit*.

2. In ~~Type B~~ *adaptable or accessible dwelling* units, where Exception 5 to Section 1010.1.5 permits a 4-inch (102 mm) elevation change at the door, the threshold height on the exterior side of the door shall not exceed 4 3/4 inches (120 mm) in height above the exterior deck, patio or balcony for sliding doors or 4 1/2 inches (114 mm) above the exterior deck, patio or balcony for other doors.

**1010.1.8 (Formerly 1008.1.8) Door arrangement.** Space between two doors in a series shall be 48 inches (1219 mm) minimum plus the width of a door swinging into the space. Doors in a series shall swing either in the same direction or away from the space between the doors.

**Exceptions:**

1. The minimum distance between horizontal sliding power-operated doors in a series shall be 48 inches (1219 mm).
2. **…** (No change to text)
3. Doors within individual dwelling units in Groups R-2 and R-3 occupancies other than ~~within Type A~~ *adaptable or accessible* dwelling units.

**1010.1.9.1 (Formerly 1008.1.9.1) Hardware.** Door handles, pulls, latches, locks and other operating devices on doors required to be accessible by Chapter 11*A* shall not require tight grasping, tight pinching or twisting of the wrist to operate.

## SECTION 1012 (Formerly 1010)
## RAMPS

**1012.1 (Formerly 1010.1) Scope.** The provisions of this section shall apply to ramps used as a component of a means of egress.

**Exceptions:**

1. Ramped aisles within assembly rooms or spaces shall comply with the provisions in Section 1029.
2. Curb ramps shall comply with ~~ICC A117.1~~ *Chapter 11A*.
3. Vehicle ramps in parking garages for pedestrian exit access shall not be required to comply with Sections 1012.3 through 1012.10 where they are not an accessible route serving accessible parking spaces, other required accessible elements or part of an accessible means of egress.

**1012.6.3 (Formerly 1010.7.3) Length.** The landing length shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.

**Exceptions:**

1. In Group R-2 and R-3 individual dwelling and sleeping units that are not required to be ~~Accessible units, Type A units or Type B units~~ *accessible* in accordance with ~~Section 1107~~ *Chapter 11A*, landings are permitted to be 36 inches (914 mm) minimum.
2. Where the ramp is not a part of an accessible route, the length of the landing shall not be required to be more than 48 inches (1220 mm) in the direction of travel.

**1012.6.4 (Formerly 1010.7.4) Change in direction.** Where changes in direction of travel occur at landings provided between ramp runs, the landing shall be 60 inches by 60 inches (1524 mm by 1524 mm) minimum.

**Exception:** In Group R-2 and R-3 individual dwelling or sleeping units that are not required to be ~~Accessible~~ ~~units, Type A units or Type B units~~ *accessible* in accordance with ~~Section 1107~~ *Chapter 11A*, landings are permitted to be 36 inches by 36 inches (914 mm by 914 mm) minimum.

**1012.6.5 (Formerly 1010.7.5) Doorways.** Where doorways are located adjacent to a ramp landing, maneuvering clearances required ~~by ICC A117.1~~ *for accessibility* are permitted to overlap the required landing area *as specified in Chapter 11A*.

**1012.10 (Formerly 1010.10) Edge protection.** Edge protection complying with Section 1012.10.1 or 1012.10.2 shall be provided on each side of ramp runs and at each side of ramp landings.

**Exceptions:**

1. Edge protection is not required on ramps that are not required to have handrails, provided they have flared sides that comply with ~~the ICC A117.1 curb ramp provisions~~ *Chapter 11A.*
2. Edge protection is not required on the sides of ramp landings serving an adjoining ramp run or stairway.
3. Edge protection is not required on the sides of ramp landings having a vertical drop off of not more than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) within 10 inches (254 mm) horizontally of the required landing area.
4. In assembly spaces with fixed seating, edge protection is not required on the sides of ramps where the ramps provide access to the adjacent seating and aisle access ways.

## SECTION 1013 (Formerly 1011)
## EXIT SIGNS

**1013.4 (Formerly 1011.4) Raised character and braille exit signs.** A sign stating EXIT in visual characters, raised characters and braille and complying with ~~ICC A117.1~~ *Chapter 11A, Section 1143A* shall be provided adjacent to each door to an area of refuge, an exterior area for assisted rescue, an exit stairway, an exit stairway or ramp, an exit passageway and the exit discharge.

## SECTION 1014
## HANDRAILS

**1014.8 Projections.** On ramps and on ramped aisles that are part of an accessible route, the clear width between handrails shall be 36 inches (914 mm) minimum. Projections into the required width of aisles, stairways and ramps at each side shall not exceed 4 1/2 inches (114 mm) at or below the handrail height. Projections into the required width shall not be limited above the minimum headroom height required in Section 1011.3. Projections due to intermediate handrails shall not constitute a reduction in the egress width. Where a pair of intermediate handrails are provided within the stairway width without a walking surface between the pair of intermediate handrails and the distance between the pair of intermediate handrails is greater than 6 inches (152 mm), the available egress width shall be reduced by the distance between the closest edges of each such intermediate pair of handrails that is greater than 6 inches (152 mm).

***(HCD 1-AC)*** *In addition, projections shall comply with Chapter 11A, when applicable.*

## SECTION 1015 (Formerly 1013)
## GUARDS

**1015.3 (Formerly 1013.3) Height.** Required guards shall not be less than 42 inches (1067 mm) high, measured vertically as follows:

1. From the adjacent walking surfaces.
2. On stairways and stepped aisles, from the line connecting the leading edges of the tread nosings.
3. On ramps and ramped aisles, from the ramp surface at the guard.

**Exceptions:**

~~1. For occupancies in Group R-3 not more than three stories above grade in height and within individual dwelling units in occupancies in Group R-2 not more than three stories above grade in height with separate means of egress, required guards shall be not less than 36 inches (914 mm) in height measured vertically above the adjacent walking surfaces or adjacent fixed seating.~~

~~2.~~ *1.* For occupancies in Group R-3, and within individual dwelling units in occupancies in Group R-2, guards on the open sides of stairs shall have a height not less than 34 inches (864 mm) measured vertically from a line connecting the leading edges of the treads.

~~3.~~ *2.* For occupancies in Group R-3, and within individual dwelling units in occupancies in Group R-2, where the top of the guard also serves as a handrail on the open sides of stairs, the top of the guard shall not be less than 34 inches (864 mm) and not more than 38 inches (965 mm) measured vertically from a line connecting the leading edges of the treads.

~~4.~~ *3.* The guard height in assembly seating areas shall comply with Section 1029.16 as applicable.

~~5.~~ *4.* Along alternating tread devices and ship ladders, guards whose top rail also serves as a handrail shall have height not less than 30 inches (762 mm) and not more than 34 inches (864 mm), measured vertically from the leading edges of the device tread nosing.

**1015.8 Window openings.** Windows in Group *R1,* R-2 and R-3 buildings including dwelling units, where the top of the sill of an operable window opening is located less than 36 inches above the finished floor and more than 72 inches (1829 mm) above the finished grade or other surface below on the exterior of the building, shall comply with one of the following:

1. Operable windows where the top of the sill of the opening is located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the finished grade or other surface below and that are provided with window fall prevention devices that comply with ASTM F 2006.
2. Operable windows where the openings will not allow a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere to pass through the opening when the window is in its largest opened position.
3. Operable windows where the openings are provided with window fall prevention devices that comply with ASTM F 2090.
4. Operable windows that are provided with window opening control devices that comply with Section 1015.8.1.

**SECTION 1020 (Formerly 1018)**
**CORRIDORS**

**1020.5.1 (Formerly 1018.5.1) Corridor ceiling.** Use of the space between the corridor ceiling and the floor or roof structure above as a return air plenum is permitted for one or more of the following conditions:

1. The corridor is not required to be of fire-resistance-rated construction;
2. (No change to text)…
3. The air-handling system serving the corridor is shut down upon activation of the air-handling unit smoke detectors required by the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 1023 (Formerly 1022)**
**INTERIOR EXIT STAIRWAYS AND RAMPS**

**1023.9 (Formerly 1022.9) Stairway identification signs.** A sign shall be provided at each floor landing in an interior exit stairway and ramp connecting more than three stories designating the floor level, the terminus of the top and bottom of the interior exit stairway and ramp and the identification of the stair or ramp. The signage shall also state the story of, and the direction to, the exit discharge and the availability of roof access from the interior exit stairway and ramp for the fire department. The sign shall be located 5 feet (1524 mm) above the floor landing in a position that is readily visible when the doors are in the open and closed positions. In addition to the stairway identification sign, a floor-level sign in visual characters, raised characters and braille complying with ~~ICC A117.1~~ *Chapter 11A, Section 1143A* shall be located at each floor-level landing adjacent to the door leading from the interior exit stairway and ramp into the corridor to identify the floor level.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 14. <u>HCD proposes NOT to adopt Chapter 11 from the 2015 International Building Code</u>.

**CHAPTER 11**
**ACCESSIBILITY**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 15. HCD proposes to continue to adopt Chapter 11A from the 2013 California Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with no modifications.

**CHAPTER 11A**
**HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 16. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 12 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with new and existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 12**
**INTERIOR ENVIRONMENT**

**SECTION 1203**
**VENTILATION**

**1203.1 General.** Buildings shall be provided with natural ventilation in accordance with Section 1203.4, or mechanical ventilation in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

~~Where the air infiltration rate in a dwelling unit is less than 5 air changes per hour when tested with a blower door at a pressure 0.2 inch w.c. (50 Pa) in accordance with Section R402.4.1.2 of the International Energy Conservation Code – Residential Provisions, the dwelling unit shall be ventilated by mechanical means in accordance with Section 403 of the International Mechanical Code. Ambulatory care facilities and Group I-2 occupancies shall be ventilated by mechanical means in accordance with Section 407 of the International Mechanical Code.~~

**1203.2 Ventilation required.** Enclosed attics and enclosed rafter spaces formed where ceilings are applied directly to the underside of roof framing members shall have cross ventilation for each separate space by ventilation openings protected against the entrance of rain and snow. Blocking and bridging shall be arranged so as not to interfere with the movement of air. An airspace of not less than 1 inch (25 mm) shall be provided between the insulation and the roof sheathing. The net free ventilating area shall be not less than 1/150 of the area of the space ventilated. Ventilators shall be installed in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions.

**Exception:** The net free cross-ventilation area shall be permitted to be reduced to 1/300 provided both of the following conditions are met:

1. In Climate Zones ~~6, 7 and 8~~ *14 and 16,* a Class I or II vapor retarder is installed on the warm-in-winter side of the ceiling.
2. At least 40 percent and not more than 50 percent of the required venting area is provided by ventilators located in the upper portion of the attic or rafter space. Upper ventilators shall be located not more than 3 feet (914 mm) below the ridge or highest point of the space, measured vertically, with the balance of the ventilation provided by eave or cornice vents. Where the location of wall or roof framing members conflicts with the installation of upper ventilators, installation more than 3 feet (914 mm) below the ridge or highest point of the space shall be permitted.

**1203.2.1 Openings into attic.** Exterior openings into the attic space of any building intended for human occupancy shall be protected to prevent the entry of birds, squirrels, rodents, snakes and other similar creatures. Openings for ventilation having a least dimension of 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) minimum and 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) maximum shall be permitted. Openings for ventilation having a least dimension larger than 1/4 inch (6.4 mm)

shall be provided with corrosion-resistant wire cloth screening, hardware cloth, perforated vinyl or similar material with openings having a least dimension of 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) minimum and 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) maximum. Where combustion air is obtained from an attic area, it shall be in accordance with Chapter 7 of the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**1203.3 Unvented attic and unvented enclosed rafter assemblies.** Unvented attics and unvented enclosed roof framing assemblies created by ceilings applied directly to the underside of the roof framing members/rafters and the structural roof sheathing at the top of the roof framing members shall be permitted where all the following conditions are met:

1. – 3 **…** (No change to text)

4. In Climate Zones ~~5, 6, 7 and 8~~ *1, 14 and 16,* ~~any air-impermeable insulation shall be a Class II vapor retarder, or shall have a Class III vapor retarder coating or covering in direct contact with the underside of the insulation~~ *a Class I or Class II vapor retarder shall be installed on the indirectly conditioned space side of all insulation in all unvented attics with air-permeable insulation, for condensation control*. *See the California Energy Code, FIGURE 100.1-A — California Climate Zones*.

5. Insulation shall be located in accordance with the following:

5.1. Item 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3 or 5.1.4 shall be met, depending on the air permeability of the insulation directly under the structural roof sheathing. *No insulation shall be required when roof tiles, wood shingles or wood shakes, or any other roofing system using battens and no continuous underlayment is installed. A continuous layer shall be considered to exist if sheathing, roofing paper or any continuous layer which has a perm rate of no more than one perm under the dry cup method.*

5.1.1 **…** (No change to text)

5.1.2. *In Climate Zones 1, 14 and 16,* ~~Where~~ *where* air-permeable insulation is provided inside the building thermal envelope, it shall be installed in ~~accordance with Section 5.1~~ *directly below the structural roof sheathing*. In addition to the air-permeable insulation installed directly below the structural *roof* sheathing, rigid board or sheet insulation *with an R value of R-4* shall be installed directly above the structural roof sheathing ~~in accordance with the R-values in Table 1203.3~~ for condensation control.

*In all other Climate Zones, where air-permeable insulation is provided inside the building thermal envelope, it may be applied in direct contact with the underside of the structural roof sheathing with no additional requirement for air-impermeable insulation*.

5.1.3. Where both air-impermeable and air-permeable insulation are provided, the air-impermeable insulation shall be applied in direct contact with the underside of the structural roof sheathing ~~in accordance with Item 5.1.1 and shall be in accordance with the R-values in Table 1203.3~~ for condensation control. The air-permeable insulation shall be installed directly under the air-impermeable insulation.

5.1.4. **…** (No change to text)

5.2. **…** (No change to text)

**Exceptions:**

1. Section 1203.3 does not apply to special use structures or enclosures such as swimming pool enclosures, data processing centers, hospitals or art galleries.
2. Section 1203.3 does not apply to enclosures in Climate Zones ~~5 through 8~~ *11, 14, and 16* that are humidified beyond 35 percent during the three coldest months.

**1203.4.2 (Formerly 1203.3.2) Exceptions.** The following are exceptions to Sections 1203.4 and 1203.4.1:

1. Where warranted by climatic conditions, ventilation openings to the outdoors are not required if ventilation openings to the interior are provided.
2. **…** (No change to text)
3. **…** (No change to text)

4. Ventilation openings are not required when the ground surface is covered with a Class I vapor retarder, the perimeter walls are insulated and the space is conditioned in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Energy ~~Conservation~~ Code.

5. **…** (No change to text)

**1203.5 (Formerly 1203.4) Natural ventilation.** Natural ventilation of an occupied space shall be through windows, doors, louvers or other openings to the outdoors. The operating mechanism for such openings shall be provided with ready access so that the openings are readily controllable by the building occupants.

***(HCD 1)*** *In employee housing, all openable windows in rooms used for living, dining, cooking or sleeping purposes, and toilet and bath buildings, shall be provided and maintained with insect screening.*

***(HCD 1)*** *Door openings of rooms used for dining, cooking, toilet and bathing facilities in employee housing shall be provided and maintained with insect screening or with solid doors equipped with self-closing devices in lieu thereof, when approved by the enforcement agency.*

***(HCD 1)*** *The windows, doors, louvers or other approved closeable openings not required by Section 1029 may open into a passive solar energy collector for ventilation required by this section. The area of ventilation openings to the outside of the passive solar energy collector shall be increased to compensate for the openings required by the interior space.*

**1203.5.2 (Formerly 1203.4.2) Contaminants exhausted.** Contaminant sources in naturally ventilated spaces shall be removed in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code and the ~~International~~ *California Fire Code.*

**1203.5.2.1 (Formerly 1203.4.2.1) Bathrooms.** Rooms containing bathtubs, showers, spas and similar bathing fixtures shall be mechanically ventilated in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code*.*

*The minimum exhaust rate shall not be less than that established by Table 403.7 "Minimum Exhaust Rates." See California Mechanical Code, Chapter 5, for additional provisions related to environmental air ducts.*

***(HCD 1)*** *In addition to the requirements in this section and in the California Mechanical Code, bathrooms in Group R occupancies shall be mechanically ventilated in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.5.*

**1203.6 (Formerly 1203.5) Other ventilation and exhaust systems.** Ventilation and exhaust systems for occupancies and operations involving flammable or combustible hazards or other contaminant sources as covered in the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code or the ~~International~~ *California* Fire Code shall be provided as required by both codes.

**SECTION 1204**
**TEMPERATURE CONTROL**

**1204.1 Equipment and systems.** Interior spaces intended for human occupancy shall be provided with active or passive space-heating systems capable of maintaining an indoor temperature of not less than 68°F (20°C) at a point 3 feet (914 mm) above the floor on the design heating day.

**Exceptions:**

1. Space heating systems are not required for:
   ~~1~~ *1.1.* Interior spaces where the primary purpose of the space is not associated with human comfort.
   ~~2~~ *1.2* Group F, H, S or U occupancies.
2. ***(HCD 1)*** *For limited-density owner-built rural dwellings, a heating facility or appliance shall be installed in each dwelling subject to the provisions of Subchapter 1, Chapter 1, Title 25, California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 74; however, there shall be no specified requirement for heating capacity or temperature maintenance. The use of solid-fuel or solar-heating devices shall be deemed as complying with the requirements of this section. If nonrenewable fuel is used in these dwellings, rooms so heated shall meet current installation standards.*

*3.* **…** (No change to text)

*4. **(HCD 1)** When a passive solar energy collector is designed as a conditioned area it shall comply with the California Energy Code~~, Title 24, Part 6~~. Nonconditioned passive solar energy collectors are exempt from ~~Title 24, Part 6~~ compliance with the California Energy Code.*

**SECTION 1205**
**LIGHTING**

**1205.1 General.** Every space intended for human occupancy shall be provided with natural light by means of exterior glazed openings in accordance with Section 1205.2 or shall be provided with artificial light in accordance with Section 1205.3. Exterior glazed openings shall open directly onto a public way or onto a yard or court in accordance with Section 1206.

***(HCD 1)** Glazed openings may open into a passive solar energy collector provided the area of exterior glazed openings in the passive solar energy collector is increased to compensate for the area required by the interior space.*

**1205.4 Stairway illumination.** Stairways within dwelling units and exterior stairways serving a dwelling unit shall have an illumination level on tread runs of not less than 1 footcandle (11 lux). Stairways in other occupancies shall be governed by Chapter 10.

**1205.4.1 Controls.** The control for activation of the required stairway lighting shall be in accordance with ~~NFPA 70~~ *the California Electrical Code*.

**SECTION 1206**
**YARDS OR COURTS**

**1206.3.3 Court drainage.** The bottom of every court shall be properly graded and drained to a public sewer or other approved disposal system complying with the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code.

**SECTION 1207**
**SOUND TRANSMISSION**

**1207.3 Structure-borne sound.** Floor/ceiling assemblies between dwelling units and sleeping units or between a dwelling unit or sleeping unit and a public or service area within the structure shall have an impact insulation class (IIC) rating of not less than 50, or not less than 45 if field tested, when tested in accordance with ASTM E 492.

***Exception:** Impact sound insulation is not required for floor-ceiling assemblies over nonhabitable rooms or spaces not designed to be occupied, such as garages, mechanical rooms or storage areas.*

***1207.4 Allowable interior noise levels.** Interior noise levels attributable to exterior sources shall not exceed 45 dB in any habitable room. The noise metric shall be either the day-night average sound level (Ldn) or the community noise equivalent level (CNEL), consistent with the noise element of the local general plan.*

**SECTION 1208**
**INTERIOR SPACE DIMENSIONS**

**1208.1 Minimum room widths.** Habitable spaces, other than a kitchen, shall not be less than 7 feet (2134 mm) in any plan dimension. Kitchens shall have a clear passageway of not less than 3 feet (914 mm) between counter fronts and appliances or counter fronts and walls.

***(HCD 1)** For limited-density owner-built rural dwellings, there shall be no requirements for room dimensions, provided there is adequate light and ventilation and adequate means of egress.*

**1208.4 Efficiency dwelling units.** ~~An efficiency living unit shall conform to the requirements of the code except as modified herein:~~ ***(HCD 1)** Unless modified by local ordinance pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 17958.1, efficiency dwelling units shall comply with the following:*

1. The unit shall have a living room of not less than 220 square feet (20.4 $m^2$) of floor area. An additional 100 square feet (9.3 $m^2$) of floor area shall be provided for each occupant of such unit in excess of two.

**….** (No change to text)

4. The unit shall be provided with a separate bathroom containing a water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower.

**SECTION 1209**
**ACCESS TO UNOCCUPIED SPACES**

**1209.3 Mechanical appliances.** Access to mechanical appliances installed in under-floor areas, in attic spaces and on roofs or elevated structures shall be in accordance with the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code.

**SECTION 1210**
**TOILET AND BATHROOM REQUIREMENTS**

**1210.1 Required fixtures.** The number and type of plumbing fixtures provided in any occupancy shall comply with ~~Chapter 29~~ *the California Plumbing Code*.

***1210.4 Reinforcement for bathrooms.*** *All ground floor bathrooms and/or powder rooms in residential dwelling units shall be provided with reinforcement for future installation of grab bars. The grab bar reinforcement shall be installed in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.4.*

***SECTION 1211 (HCD 1 & HCD 2)***
***GARAGE DOOR SPRINGS***

***1211.1 General.*** *This section shall apply to applications listed in Sections 1.8.2.1.1 and 1.8.2.1.3 regulated by the Department of Housing and Community Development.*

***1211.1.1 Extension garage door springs.*** *Every extension garage door spring sold or offered for sale, whether new or as a replacement, or installed in any garage or carport which is accessory to an apartment house, hotel, motel or dwelling shall conform to the following requirements:*

*Hard-drawn spring wire shall conform to ASTM A 227- 06 (2011) or a more current version, and shall be made by the steel processes described therein, conforming to the chemical composition requirements listed and meeting the standards of steel heat as set forth by the ladle analysis. Wire tensile strength and dimension variations shall meet the prescribed properties of established standards.*

*Oil-tempered wire shall conform to ASTM A 229 - 12 or a more current version, and shall be made by the steel processes described therein, conforming to the chemical composition requirements listed and meeting the standards of steel heat as set forth by the ladle analysis. Wire tensile strength and dimension variations shall meet the prescribed properties of established standards.*

*Extension springs shall be fabricated from either hard-drawn spring wire or oil-tempered wire as specified above.*

***1211.2 Design standards.*** *Minimum design standard shall be 9,000 cycles. (One cycle is equal to door opening plus door closing at maximum working load.)*

***1211.3 Certification.*** *Mill certification of wire physical tests and chemical properties shall be kept on file by the spring manufacturer.*

*Physical cycling tests shall be performed for each extension spring design and shall be certified by an approved testing agency acceptable to the department and reports kept on file by the manufacturer.*

*Containment devices shall be physically tested for each extension spring design by installing the device on the spring and by destroying the spring at maximum recommended stretch. Containment tests shall be certified by an approved testing agency acceptable to the department and reports kept on file by the manufacturer.*

***1211.4 Containment devices.*** *Each extension spring shall be equipped with an approved device capable of restraining the spring or any part thereof in the event it breaks.*

***1211.5 Identification.*** *Extension springs shall be permanently identified as to manufacturer and also to indicate maximum recommended stretch. Both extension springs and containment devices shall bear information stating that they have been manufactured in accordance with requirements of the California Department of Housing and Community Development*.

***1211.6 Installation.*** *Installation of extension springs, containment devices and hardware shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Instructions shall be provided by the manufacturer and shall specify the approved method of restraint and maximum recommended stretch. Unless otherwise permitted by the manufacturer's installation instructions, the hardware and extension springs shall be mounted to nominal 12 by 6 framing members, conforming to the applicable provisions of Section 2303.*

***SECTION 1212 (HCD 1)***
***POLLUTANT CONTROL***

***1212.1 Finish material pollutant control.*** *Finish materials, including adhesives, sealants, caulks, paints and coatings, aerosol paints and coatings, carpet systems, carpet cushion, carpet adhesive, resilient flooring systems, and composite wood products shall meet the volatile organic compound (VOC) emission limits in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.5.*

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 17. HCD proposes to repeal and not bring forward the existing California amendments from the 2013 California Building Code, Section 1203.2, Exceptions.

**CHAPTER 12**
**INTERIOR ENVIRONMENT**

**SECTION 1203**
**VENTILATION**

**1203.2 Attic spaces.** Enclosed attics and enclosed rafter spaces formed where ceilings are applied directly to the underside of roof framing members shall have cross ventilation for each separate space by ventilation openings protected against the entrance of rain and snow. Blocking and bridging shall be arranged so as not to interfere with the movement of air. An airspace of not less than 1 inch (25 mm) shall be provided between the insulation and the roof sheathing. The net free ventilating area shall not be less than 1/150th of the area of the space ventilated.

**Exceptions:**

1. ***~~(Not adopted by HCD)~~*** The net free cross-ventilation area shall be permitted to be reduced to 1/300 provided that not less than 50 percent and not more than 80 percent of the required ventilating area provided by ventilators located in the upper portion of the space to be ventilated at least 3 feet (914 mm) above eave of cornice vents with the balance of the required ventilation provided by eave or cornice vents.
2. ***~~(Not adopted by HCD)~~*** The net free cross-ventilation area shall be permitted to be reduced to 1/300 provided where a Class I or II vapor barrier is installed on the warm-in-winter side of the ceiling.
3. Attic ventilation shall not be required when determined not necessary by the building official due to atmospheric or climatic conditions.
4. ***~~(HCD 1 & HCD 2)~~*** *~~The net cross-ventilation area shall be permitted to be reduced to 1/300 provided that at least 40 percent and not more than 50 percent of the required ventilating area is provided by ventilators located in the upper portion of the attic or rafter space. Upper ventilators shall be located no more than 3 feet (914 mm) below the ridge or highest point of the space, measured vertically, with the balance of the required ventilation provided by eave or cornice vents. Where the location of wall or roof framing members conflicts with the installation of upper ventilators, installation more than 3 feet (914 mm) below the ridge or highest point of the space shall be permitted.~~*

~~5. ***(HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *The net cross-ventilation area shall be permitted to be reduced to 1/300 in Climate Zones 14 and 16, where a Class I or II vapor retarder is installed on the warm-in-winter side of the ceiling.*~~

## 18. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Chapter 13 from the 2015 International Building Code.

**CHAPTER 13**
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11, and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 19. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 14, except Table 1405.3.2, from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with modified existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 14**
**EXTERIOR WALLS**

**SECTION 1405**
**INSTALLATION OF WALL COVERINGS**

**1405.3 Vapor retarders.** Vapor retarders as described in Section 1405.3.3 shall be provided in accordance with Sections 1405.3.1 and 1405.3.2, or an approved design using accepted engineering practice for hydrothermal analysis.

**1405.3.1 Class I and II vapor retarders.** Class I and II vapor retarders shall not be provided on the interior side of frame walls in Zones 1 and 2. Class I vapor retarders shall not be provided on the interior side of frame walls in Zones 3 and 4. Class I or II vapor retarders shall be provided on the interior side of frame walls in Zones 5, 6, 7, 8 and Marine 4. The appropriate zone shall be selected in accordance with Chapter 3 of the International Energy Conservation Code.

**(Formerly in Section 1405.3)** ***(HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Class I or II vapor retarders shall be provided on the interior side of frame walls of low-rise residential buildings as required in ~~Title 24, Part 6,~~ the California Energy Code (see definition of "Low-rise residential building").*

**Exceptions:**

1. Basement walls.
2. Below-grade portion of any wall.
3. Construction where moisture or its freezing will not damage the materials.
4. Conditions where Class III vapor retarders are required in Section 1405.3.2.

**1405.3.2 (Formerly 1405.3.1) Class III vapor retarders.** Class III vapor retarders shall be permitted where any one of the conditions in Table 1405.3.2 is met. Only Class III vapor retarders shall be used on the interior side of frame walls where foam plastic insulating sheathing with a perm rating of less than 1 is applied in accordance with Table 1405.3.2 on the exterior side of the frame wall.

***(HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *Class III vapor retarders shall be permitted where any one of the conditions in Items 1, 2 or 3*

*below are met. This section shall apply to "Low-rise residential buildings" as defined in ~~Title 24, Part 6,~~ the California Energy Code.*

1. *Vented cladding over fiberboard.*
2. *Vented cladding over gypsum.*
3. *Insulated sheathing with R-value ≥ R4.*

*Spray foam with a minimum density of 2 lbs/ft$^3$ applied to the interior cavity side of OSB, plywood, fiberboard, insulating sheathing or gypsum is deemed to meet the insulating sheathing requirement where the spray foam R-value meets or exceeds the specified insulating sheathing R-value.*

**TABLE 1405.3.2 (Formerly TABLE 1405.3.1)**
**CLASS III VAPOR RETARDERS**
***(Not adopted by HCD 1 & HCD 2)***

| ZONE | CLASS III VAPOR RETARDERS PERMITTED FOR:[a] |
|---|---|
| Marine 4 | Vented cladding over wood structural panels<br>Vented cladding over fiberboard<br>Vented cladding over gypsum<br>Insulated sheathing with *R*-value ≥ R2.5 over 2×4 wall<br>Insulated sheathing with *R*-value ≥ R3.75 over 2×6 wall |
| 5 | Vented cladding over wood structural panels<br>Vented cladding over fiberboard<br>Vented cladding over gypsum<br>Insulated sheathing with *R*-value ≥ R5 over 2×4 wall<br>Insulated sheathing with *R*-value ≥ R7.5 over 2×6 wall |
| 6 | Vented cladding over fiberboard<br>Vented cladding over gypsum<br>Insulated sheathing with *R*-value ≥ R7.5 over 2×4 wall<br>Insulated sheathing with *R*-value ≥ R11.25 over 2×6 wall |
| 7 and 8 | Insulated sheathing with *R* value ≥ R10 over 2×4 wall<br>Insulated sheathing with *R* value ≥ R15 over 2×6 wall |

For SI: 1 pound per cubic foot = 16 kg/m$^3$.

a. Spray foam with a minimum density of 2 lbs/ft$^3$ applied to the interior cavity side of OSB, plywood, fiberboard, insulating sheathing or gypsum is deemed to meet the insulating sheathing requirement where the spray foam R-value meets or exceeds the specified insulating sheathing R-value.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11, and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 20. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 15 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 15**
**ROOF ASSEMBLIES AND ROOFTOP STRUCTURES**

**SECTION 1503**
**WEATHER PROTECTION**

**1503.4 Roof drainage.** Design and installation of roof drainage systems shall comply with Section 1503 of this code and ~~Sections 1106 and 1108, as applicable,~~ *Chapter 11* of the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code.

**1503.4.1 Secondary (emergency overflow) drains or scuppers.** Where roof drains are required, secondary (emergency overflow) roof drains or scuppers shall be provided where the roof perimeter construction extends above the roof in such a manner that water will be entrapped if the primary drains allow buildup for any reason. The installation and sizing of secondary emergency overflow drains, leaders and conductors shall comply with ~~Sections 1106 and 1108, as applicable,~~ *Chapter 11* of the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code.

**SECTION 1510 (Formerly 1509)**
**ROOFTOP STRUCTURES**

**1510.7 (Formerly 1509.7) Photovoltaic systems.** Rooftop mounted photovoltaic panels and modules shall be designed in accordance with this section.

**1510.7.1 (Formerly 1509.7.1) Wind resistance.** Rooftop-mounted photovoltaic panels and modules shall be designed for component and cladding wind loads in accordance with Chapter 16 using an effective wind area based on the dimensions of a single unit frame.

***Exception: (HCD-1, HCD-2)*** *The effective wind area shall be in accordance with Chapter 16 and ASCE 7 Section. 26.2.*

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11, and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.
Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 21. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 16 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 16**
**STRUCTURAL DESIGN**

**SECTION 1607**
**LIVE LOADS**

**1607.8 Loads on handrails, guards, grab bars, *shower* seats, *dressing room bench seats* and vehicle barriers**. Handrails, guards, grab bars, accessible seats, accessible benches and vehicle barriers shall be designed and constructed to the structural loading conditions set forth in this section.

**1607.8.1 Handrails and guards.** (No change to text)

**1607.8.2 Grab bars, shower seats and dressing room bench seats.** Grab bars, shower seats and dressing room bench seats shall be designed to resist a single concentrated load of 250 pounds (1.11 kN) applied at any direction on the grab bar or seat so as to produce the maximum load effects.

***(HCD 1-AC)*** *See Chapter 11A, Section 1127A.4 for grab bars, shower seats and dressing room bench seats, as applicable.*

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 8871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 22. HCD proposes to repeal and not bring forward the existing California amendments from the 2013 California Building Code, Section 1613.5.

**CHAPTER 16**
**STRUCTURAL DESIGN**

**SECTION 1613**
**EARTHQUAKE LOADS**

~~***1613.5 [HCD 1 & HCD 2] Modifications to ASCE 7.*** *The text of ASCE 7 shall be modified as indicated in Sections 1613.5.1 through 1613.5.2.*~~

~~***1613.5.1 [HCD 1 & HCD 2] Modify ASCE 7 DEFINITIONS*** *as follows:*~~

~~**1.2 DEFINITIONS.**~~

~~***BALLASTED PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM:*** *A roof mounted system composed of solar photovoltaic panels and supporting members that are unattached or partially attached to the roof and must rely on its weight, aerodynamics and friction to counter the effect of wind and seismic forces.*~~

~~***1613.5.2 [HCD 1 & HCD 2] Modify ASCE 7 Section 13.4*** *as follows:*~~

~~**Section 13.4 NONSTRUCTURAL COMPONENT ANCHORAGE.**~~

~~Components and their supports shall be attached (or anchored) to the structure in accordance with the requirements of this section and the attachment shall satisfy the requirements for the parent material as set forth elsewhere in this standard. Component attachments shall be bolted, welded, or otherwise positively fastened without consideration of frictional resistance produced by the effects of gravity. A continuous load path of sufficient strength and stiffness between the component and the supporting structure shall be provided. Local elements of the structure including connections shall be designed and constructed for the component forces where they control the design of the elements or their connections. The component forces shall be those determined in Section 13.3.1, except that modifications to Fp and R, due to anchorage conditions need not be considered. The design documents shall include sufficient information relating to the attachments to verify compliance with the requirements of this section~~

~~***Exception:*** *Ballasted photovoltaic systems when design is based on Section 13.4.7 and approved by the enforcing agency.*~~

~~*13.4.7. Solar PV panels or modules installed on a roof as a balasted system need not be rigidly attached to the roof or supporting structure. Ballasted systems shall be designed and installed only on roofs with slopes 1 inch per foot or less. The ballasted system shall be designed to resist sliding and uplift resulting from lateral and vertical forces, using a coefficient of friction determined by acceptable engineering practices. In sites where the Seismic Design category is C or above, the system shall be designed to accommodate seismic displacement determined by approved analysis or shake-table*~~

~~*testing, using input motions consistent with ASCE 7 lateral and vertical seismic forces for non-structural components on roofs.*~~

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 8871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 23. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 17 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with new and modified existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 17**
**SPECIAL INSPECTIONS AND TESTS**

**SECTION 1704**
**SPECIAL INSPECTIONS AND TESTS, CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION**

**1704.2 Special inspections and tests.** Where application is made to the building official for construction as specified in Section<u>s</u> 105 *<u>or 1.8.4</u>*, as *<u>applicable</u>*, the owner or the owner's authorized agent, other than the contractor, shall employ one or more approved agencies to provide special inspections and tests during construction on the types of work specified in Section 1705 and identify the approved agencies to the building official. These special inspections and tests are in addition to the inspections by the building official that are identified in Section 110.

**Exceptions:**

1. Special inspections and tests are not required for construction of a minor nature or as warranted by conditions in the jurisdiction as approved by the building official.
2. Unless otherwise required by the building official, special inspections and tests are not required for Group U occupancies that are accessory to a residential occupancy including, but not limited to, those listed in Section 312.1.
3. Special inspections and tests are not required for portions of structures designed and constructed in accordance with the cold-formed steel light-frame construction provisions of Section 2211.7 or the conventional light-frame construction provisions of Section 2308.
4. The contractor is permitted to employ the approved agencies where the contractor is also the owner.
~~4~~ <u>5</u>. ***(HCD 1)*** *The provisions of Health and Safety Code Division 13, Part 6 and the California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, commencing with Section 3000, shall apply to the construction and inspection of factory-built housing as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 19971.*

**SECTION 1707**
**ALTERNATIVE TEST PROCEDURE**

**1707.1 General.** In the absence of approved rules or other approved standards, the building official shall make, or cause to be made, the necessary tests and investigations; or the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports from approved agencies in respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies as provided for in Section<u>s</u> 104.11 *<u>or 1.8.7, as applicable</u>*. The cost of all tests and other investigations required under the provisions of this code shall be borne by the applicant.

~~***(HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *In the absence of approved rules or other approved standards, the building official shall make or cause to be made the necessary tests and investigations, or the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports from approved agencies with respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies as provided for in Section 1.8.7, Chapter 1, Division 1. The cost of all tests and other investigations required under the*~~

~~*provisions of this code shall be borne by the applicant.*~~

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 24. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 18 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing and modified existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 18**
**SOILS AND FOUNDATIONS**

**SECTION 1801**
**GENERAL**

**1801.2 Design basis.** Allowable bearing pressures, allowable stresses and design formulas provided in this chapter shall be used with the allowable stress design load combinations specified in Section 1605.3. The quality and design of materials used structurally in excavations and foundations shall comply with the requirements specified in Chapters 16, 19, 21, 22 and 23 of this code. Excavations and fills shall also comply with Chapter 33.

***(HCD 1)*** *For limited-density owner-built rural dwellings, pier foundations, stone masonry footings and foundations, pressure-treated lumber, poles or equivalent foundation materials or designs may be used, provided that the bearing is sufficient for the purpose intended.*

**SECTION 1803**
**GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS**

**1803.1 General.** Geotechnical investigations shall be conducted in accordance with Section 1803.2 and reported in accordance with Section 1803.6. Where required by the building official, or where geotechnical investigations involve in-situ testing, laboratory testing or engineering calculations, such investigations shall be conducted by a registered design professional.

***1803.1.1 General and where required for applications listed in Section 1.8.2.1.1 regulated by the Department of Housing and Community Development. (HCD 1)*** *Foundation and soils investigations shall be conducted in conformance with Health and Safety Code Sections 17953 through 17957 as summarized below.*

***1803.1.1.1 Preliminary soil report.*** *Each city, county, or city and county shall enact an ordinance which requires a preliminary soil report, prepared by a civil engineer who is registered by the state. The report shall be based upon adequate test borings or excavations, of every subdivision, where a tentative and final map is required pursuant to Section 66426 of the Government Code.*

*The preliminary soil report may be waived if the building department of the city, county, or city and county, or other enforcement agency charged with the administration and enforcement of the provisions of Section 1803.1.1, shall determine that, due to the knowledge such department has as to the soil qualities of the soil of the subdivision or lot, no preliminary analysis is necessary.*

***1803.1.1.2 Soil investigation by lot, necessity, preparation, and recommendations.*** *If the preliminary soil report indicates the presence of critically expansive soils or other soil problems which, if not corrected, would lead to structural defects, such ordinance shall require a soil investigation of each lot in the subdivision.*

*The soil investigation shall be prepared by a civil engineer who is registered in this state. It shall recommend corrective action which is likely to prevent structural damage to each dwelling proposed to be constructed on the expansive soil.*

***1803.1.1.3 Approval, building permit conditions, appeal.*** *The building department of each city, county, or city and county, or other enforcement agency charged with the administration and enforcement of the provisions of Section 1803.1.1, shall approve the soil investigation if it determines that the recommended action is likely to prevent structural damage to each dwelling to be constructed. As a condition to the building permit, the ordinance shall require that the approved recommended action be incorporated in the construction of each dwelling. Appeal from such determination shall be to the local appeals board.*

***1803.1.1.4 Liability.*** *A city, county, city and county, or other enforcement agency charged with the administration and enforcement of the provisions of Section 1803.1.1, is not liable for any injury which arises out of any act or omission of the city, county, city and county, other enforcement agency, or a public employee or any other person under Section 1803.1.1.*

***1803.1.1.5. Alternate procedures.*** *The governing body of any city, county, or city and county may enact an ordinance prescribing an alternate procedure which is equal to or more restrictive than the procedure specified in Section 1803.1.1.*

## SECTION 1804
## EXCAVATION, GRADING AND FILL

**1804.4 (Formerly 1804.3) Site grading.** The ground immediately adjacent to the foundation shall be sloped away from the building at a slope of not less than one unit vertical in 20 units horizontal (5-percent slope) for a minimum distance of 10 feet (3048 mm) measured perpendicular to the face of the wall. If physical obstructions or lot lines prohibit 10 feet (3048 mm) of horizontal distance, a 5-percent slope shall be provided to an approved alternative method of diverting water away from the foundation. Swales used for this purpose shall be sloped a minimum of 2 percent where located within 10 feet (3048 mm) of the building foundation. Impervious surfaces within 10 feet (3048 mm) of the building foundation shall be sloped a minimum of 2 percent away from the building.

**Exception:** Where climatic or soil conditions warrant, the slope of the ground away from the building foundation shall be permitted to be reduced to not less than one unit vertical in 48 units horizontal (2-percent slope).

The procedure used to establish the final ground level adjacent to the foundation shall account for additional settlement of the backfill.

***~~1804.3.1~~ 1804.4.1 (HCD 1) Construction plans.*** *Construction plans shall indicate how the site grading or drainage system will manage all surface water flows to keep water from entering buildings in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.1.*

## SECTION 1805
## DAMPPROOFING AND WATERPROOFING

**1805.4 Subsoil drainage system.** Where a hydrostatic pressure condition does not exist, dampproofing shall be provided and a base shall be installed under the floor and a drain installed around the foundation perimeter. A subsoil drainage system designed and constructed in accordance with Section 1805.1.3 shall be deemed adequate for lowering the groundwater table.

**1805.4.1 Floor base course.** Floors of basements, except as provided for in Section 1805.1.1, shall be placed over a floor base course not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in thickness that consists of gravel or crushed stone containing not more than 10 percent of material that passes through a No. 4 (4.75 mm) sieve.

**Exceptions:**

1. Where a site is located in well-drained gravel or sand/gravel mixture soils, a floor base course is not required.
2. ***(HCD1)*** *When a capillary break is installed in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.5*

**1805.4.3 Drainage discharge.** The floor base and foundation perimeter drain shall discharge by gravity or mechanical means into an approved drainage system that complies with the ~~International~~ *California* Plumbing Code.

**Exception:** Where a site is located in well-drained gravel or sand/gravel mixture soils, a dedicated drainage system is not required.

**SECTION 1810**
**DEEP FOUNDATIONS**

**1810.3.10.4 Seismic reinforcement.** For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, a permanent steel casing shall be provided from the top of the micropile down to the point of zero curvature. For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F, the micropile shall be considered as an alternative system in accordance with Sections 104.11 *or 1.8.7, as applicable*. The alternative system design, supporting documentation and test data shall be submitted to the building official for review and approval.

~~***(HCD 1 & HCD 2)*** *For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F, the micropile shall be considered as an alternative system in accordance with Section 1.8.7, Chapter 1, Division 1. The alternative system design, supporting documentation and test data shall be submitted to the building official for review and approval.*~~

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11, and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 25. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 19 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 19**
**CONCRETE**

**SECTION 1905**
**MODIFICATIONS TO ACI 318**

**1905.1.2 ACI 318, Section 18.2.1.2 (Formerly 21.1.1).** Modify ACI 318 Sections 18.2.1.2 and 18.2.1.6 to read as follows:

18.2.1.2 – Structures assigned to Seismic Design Category A shall satisfy requirements of Chapters 1 through 17 and 19 through 26. Chapter 18 does not apply. Structures assigned to Seismic Design Category B, C, D, E or F also shall satisfy 18.2.1.3 through 18.2.1.7, as applicable. Except for structural elements of plain concrete complying with Section 1905.1.7 of the ~~International~~ *California* Building Code, structural elements of plain concrete are prohibited in structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F.

**18.2.1.6….** (No change to text)

**1905.1.5 (Formerly 1905.1.6) ACI 318, Section 18.13.1.1 (Formerly 21.12.1.1).** Modify ACI 318, Section 18.13.1.1 to read as follows:

18.13.1.1 – Foundations resisting earthquake-induced forces or transferring earthquake-induced forces between a structure and ground shall comply with the requirements of 18.13 and other applicable provisions of ACI 318 unless modified by Chapter 18 of the ~~International~~ *California* Building Code.

**SECTION 1907**
**MINIMUM SLAB PROVISIONS**

**1907.1 General.** The thickness of concrete floor slabs supported directly on the ground shall not be less than 3 1/2 inches (89 mm). A 6-mil (0.006 inch; 0.15 mm) polyethylene vapor retarder with joints lapped not less than 6 inches (152 mm) shall be placed between the base course or subgrade and the concrete floor slab, or other approved equivalent methods or materials shall be used to retard vapor transmission through the floor slab.

**Exceptions:** A vapor retarder is not required:

1. For detached structures accessory to occupancies in Group R-3, such as garages, utility buildings or other unheated facilities.
2. For unheated storage rooms having an area of less than 70 square feet (6.5 m2) and carports attached to occupancies in Group R-3.
3. For buildings of other occupancies where migration of moisture through the slab from below will not be detrimental to the intended occupancy of the building.
4. For driveways, walks, patios and other flatwork which will not be enclosed at a later date.
5. Where *approved* based on local site conditions.

***1907.1.1 (HCD 1) Capillary break.*** *When a vapor retarder is required, a capillary break shall be installed in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.5.*

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11, and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 26. HCD proposes to repeal and not bring forward the existing California amendments from the 2013 California Building Code, Section 1905.1.9.

**CHAPTER 19**
**CONCRETE**

**SECTION 1905**
**MODIFICATIONS TO ACI 318**

~~***1905.1.9 ACI 318, Section D.3.3.*** *Modify ACI 318, Sections D.3.3.4.2, D.3.3.4.3(d) and D.3.3.5.2 to read as follows:*~~

~~*D.3.3.4.2 - Where the tensile component of the strength-level earthquake force applied to anchors exceeds 20 percent of the total factored anchor tensile force associated with the same load combination, anchors and their attachments shall be designed in accordance with Section D.3.3.4.3. The anchor design tensile strength shall be determined in accordance with Section D.3.3.4.4.*~~

~~***Exception:*** *Anchors designed to resist wall out-of-plane forces with design strengths equal to or greater than the force determined in accordance with ASCE 7 Equation 12.11-1 or 12.14-10 and Section 1604A.8.2 of this code shall be deemed to satisfy Section D.3.3.4.3(d).*~~

~~*D.3.3.4.3(d) - The anchor or group of anchors shall be designed for the maximum tension obtained from design load combinations that include **E**, with **E** increased by* $\Omega_0$ *. The anchor design tensile strength shall be calculated from Section D.3.3.4.4*~~

~~*D.3.3.5.2 – Where the shear component of the strength-level earthquake force applied to anchors exceeds 20 percent of the total factored anchor shear force associated with the same load combination, anchors and their attachments shall be designed in accordance with Section D.3.3.5.3. The anchor design shear strength for resisting earthquake forces shall be determined in accordance with Section D.6.*~~

~~***Exceptions:***~~

~~*1. For the calculation of the in-plane shear strength of anchor bolts attaching wood sill plates of bearing or non-bearing walls of light-frame wood structures to foundations or foundation stem walls, the in-plane design shear strength in accordance with Sections D.6.2 and D.6.3 need not be computed and Section D.3.3.5.3 shall be deemed to be satisfied provided all of the following are met:*~~

~~*1.1. The allowable in-plane shear strength of the anchor is determined in accordance with AF&PA NDS Table 11E for lateral design values parallel to grain.*~~

~~*1.2. The maximum anchor nominal diameter is 5/8 inches (16 mm).*~~

~~*1.3. Anchor bolts are embedded into concrete a minimum of 7 inches (178 mm).*~~

~~*1.4. Anchor bolts are located a minimum of 1 3/4 inches (45 mm) from the edge of the concrete parallel to the length of the wood sill plate.*~~

~~*1.5. Anchor bolts are located a minimum of 15 anchor diameters from the edge of the concrete perpendicular to the length of the wood sill plate.*~~

~~*1.6. The sill plate is 2-inch or 3-inch nominal thickness.*~~

~~*2. For the calculation of the in-plane shear strength of anchor bolts attaching cold-formed steel track of bearing or non-bearing walls of anchor bolts attaching cold-formed steel track of bearing or non-bearing walls of light-frame construction to foundations or foundation stem walls the in-plane design shear strength in accordance with Sections D.6.2 and D.6.3 need not be computed and Section D.3.3.5.3 shall be deemed to be satisfied provided all of the following are met:*~~

~~*2.1. The maximum anchor nominal diameter is 5/8 inches (16 mm).*~~

~~*2.2. Anchors are embedded into concrete a minimum of 7 inches (178 mm).*~~

~~*2.3. Anchors are located a minimum of 1 3/4 inches (45 mm) from the edge of the concrete parallel to the length of the track.*~~

~~*2.4. Anchors are located a minimum of 15 anchor diameters from the edge of the concrete perpendicular to the length of the track.*~~

~~*2.5. The track is 33 to 68 mil designation thickness.*~~

~~*Allowable in-plane shear strength of exempt anchors, parallel to the edge of concrete shall be permitted to be determined in accordance with AISI S100 Section E3.3.1.*~~

~~*3. In light-frame construction, bearing or nonbearing walls, shear strength of concrete anchors less than or equal to 5/8 inch [16mm] in diameter of sill plate or track to foundation or foundation stem wall need not satisfy Section D.3.3.5.3 (a) through (c) when the design strength of the anchors is determined in accordance with Section D.6.2.1(c).*~~

## 27. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 20 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code without amendments:

**CHAPTER 20**
**ALUMINUM**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 28. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 21 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 21**
**MASONRY**

**SECTION 2109**
**EMPIRICAL DESIGN OF MASONRY**

**2109.1.1 Limitations.** The use of empirical design of masonry shall be limited as noted in Section 5.1.2 of TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5. The use of dry-stacked, surface bonded masonry shall be prohibited in Risk Category IV structures. In buildings that exceed one or more of the limitations of Section 5.1.2 of TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5, masonry shall be designed in accordance with the engineered design provisions of Section 2101.2.1, 2101.2.2 or 2101.2.3 or the foundation wall provisions of Section 1807.1.5.

Section A.1.2.2 of TMS 402/ACI 530/ASCE 5 shall be modified as follows:

**A.1.2.2 (Formerly 5.1.2.2)** Wind – Empirical requirements shall not apply to the design or construction of masonry for buildings, parts of buildings, or other structures to be located in areas where $V_{asd}$ as determined in accordance with Section 1609.3.1 of the ~~International~~ *California* Building Code exceeds 110 mph.

**SECTION 2113**
**MASONRY CHIMNEYS**

**2113.11.1.2 Gas appliances.** Flue lining systems for gas appliances shall be in accordance with the ~~International Fuel Gas~~ *California Mechanical* Code.

**2113.15 Flue area (appliance).** Chimney flues shall not be smaller in area than the area of the connector from the appliance. Chimney flues connected to more than one appliance shall not be less than the area of the largest connector plus 50 percent of the areas of additional chimney connectors.

**Exceptions:**

1. Chimney flues serving oil-fired appliances sized in accordance with NFPA 31.
2. Chimney flues serving gas-fired appliances sized in accordance with the ~~International Fuel Gas~~ *California Mechanical* Code.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, Sections 17910 through 17995.5, Sections 18200 through 18700, Sections 18860 through 18874, and Sections 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 29. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 22 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code without amendments:

**CHAPTER 22**
**STEEL**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 30. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 23 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 23**
**WOOD**

**SECTION 2301**
**GENERAL**

**2301.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the materials, design, construction and quality of wood members and their fasteners.

***(HCD 1)*** *For limited-density owner-built rural dwellings, owner-produced or used materials and appliances may be utilized unless found not to be of sufficient strength or durability to perform the intended function; owner-produced or used lumber, or shakes and shingles may be utilized unless found to contain dry rot, excessive splitting or other defects obviously rendering the material unfit in strength or durability for the intended purpose.*

**SECTION 2304**
**GENERAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

**2304.3.1 Bottom plates.** Studs shall have full bearing on a 2-inch-thick (actual 11/2-inch, 38 mm) or larger plate or sill having a width at least equal to the width of the studs.

***2304.3.1.1 (HCD 1) Rodent proofing.*** *Annular spaces around pipes, electric cables, conduits or other openings in bottom/sole plates at exterior walls shall be protected against the passage of rodents by closing such openings in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.4.*

**2304.5 Framing around flues and chimneys.** Combustible framing shall be a minimum of 2 inches (51 mm), but shall not be less than the distance specified in Sections 2111 and 2113 and the ~~International~~ *California* Mechanical Code, from flues, chimneys and fireplaces, and 6 inches (152 mm) away from flue openings.

**SECTION 2308**
**CONVENTIONAL LIGHT-FRAME CONSTRUCTION**

**2308.1 General.** The requirements of this section are intended for conventional light-frame construction. Other construction methods are permitted to be used, provided a satisfactory design is submitted showing compliance with other provisions of this code. Interior nonload-bearing partitions, ceilings and curtain walls of conventional light-frame construction are not subject to the limitations of Section 2308.3. Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the ~~International~~ *California* Residential Code.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 31. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 24 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code without amendments:

**CHAPTER 24**
**GLASS AND GLAZING**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 32. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 25 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code without amendments:

**CHAPTER 25**
**GYPSUM BOARD AND PLASTER**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 33. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 26 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code without amendments:

**CHAPTER 26**
**PLASTIC**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 34. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Chapter 27 from the 2015 International Building Code.

**CHAPTER 27**
**ELECTRICAL**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 35. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Chapter 28 from the 2015 International Building Code.

**CHAPTER 28**
**MECHANICAL SYSTEMS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 36. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Chapter 29 from the 2015 International Building Code.

**CHAPTER 29**
**PLUMBING SYSTEMS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 37. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 30, Sections 3001.1 and 3001.3 only, from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing amendment as follows:

**CHAPTER 30**
**ELEVATORS AND CONVEYING SYSTEMS**

**SECTION 3001**
**GENERAL**

**3001.3 Accessibility.** Passenger elevators *and platform (wheelchair) lifts* required to be accessible or to serve as part of an accessible means of egress shall comply with Section~~s~~ 1009 and ~~1109.7~~ *Chapter 11A for applications listed in Section 1.8.2.1.2 regulated by the Department of Housing and Community Development.*

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 38. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 31, except Section 3109, from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing amendment as follows:

**CHAPTER 31**
**SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION**

**SECTION 3104**
**PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS AND TUNNELS**

**3104.2 Separate structures.** Buildings connected by pedestrian walkways or tunnels shall be considered to be separate structures.

**Exceptions:**

1. Buildings that are on the same lot and considered as portions of a single building in accordance with Section 503.1.2.

2. ***(HCD 1-AC)*** For purposes of *accessibility* ~~calculating the number of Type B units required by Chapter 11~~ *as required by Chapter 11A*, structurally connected buildings*, buildings connected by stairs, walkways, or roofs,* and buildings with multiple wings shall be considered one structure.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 39. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 32 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code without amendments:

**CHAPTER 32**
**ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 40. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 33, Sections 3301, 3302, 3303, 3304, 3305, 3306, 3307, and 3308, from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with existing amendments as follows. HCD proposes to not adopt Sections 3309, 3310, 3311, 3312 and 3313.

**CHAPTER 33**
**SAFEGUARDS DURING CONSTRUCTION**

**SECTION 3304**
**SITE WORK**

***3304.1.5 (HCD 1) Storm water drainage and retention during construction.*** *Projects which disturb less than one acre of soil and are not part of a larger common plan of development which in total disturbs one acre or more, shall manage storm water drainage during construction in accordance with the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 4, Division 4.1.*

**SECTION 3305**
**SANITARY**

**3305.1 Facilities required.** Sanitary facilities shall be provided during construction, remodeling or demolition activities in accordance with the ~~*International*~~ *California* Plumbing Code.

**SECTION 3306**
**PROTECTION OF PEDESTRIANS**

**3306.2 Walkways.** A walkway shall be provided for pedestrian travel in front of every construction and demolition site unless the applicable governing authority authorizes the sidewalk to be fenced or closed. Walkways shall be of sufficient width to accommodate the pedestrian traffic, but in no case shall they be less than 4 feet (1219 mm) in width. Walkways shall be provided with a durable walking surface. Walkways shall be accessible in accordance with ~~Chapter 11~~ *Chapter 11A* and shall be designed to support all imposed loads and in no case shall the design live load be less than 150 pounds per square foot (psf) (7.2 kN/$m^2$).

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 41. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Chapter 34 from the 2015 International Building Code.

**CHAPTER 34**
**RESERVED**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 42. HCD proposes to repeal and not bring forward the existing California amendments from the 2013 California Building Code, Chapter 34.

**CHAPTER 34**
**EXISTING STRUCTURES**

**SECTION 3401**
**GENERAL**

**3401.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall control the alteration, repair, addition and change of occupancy of existing buildings and structures.

~~***[HCD 1]*** *In addition to the requirements in this chapter, maintenance, alteration, repair, addition, or change of occupancy to existing buildings and accessory structures under the authority of the Department of Housing and Community Development, as provided in Section 1.8.2.1.1, shall comply with California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1.*~~

**Exceptions:**
1. Existing bleachers, grandstands and folding and telescopic seating shall comply with ICC 300-02.

~~2. **[HCD 2]** For moved buildings and maintenance, alteration, repair, addition, or change of occupancy to existing buildings and accessory structures in mobilehome parks or special occupancy parks as provided in Section 1.8.2.1.3. See California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapters 2 and 2.2.~~
~~3. **[HCD 1]** Limited-density owner-built rural dwellings.~~

**3401.4.1 Existing materials.** Materials already in use in a building in compliance with requirements or approvals in effect at the time of their erection or installation shall be permitted to remain in use unless determined by the building code official to be unsafe per Section 116.

~~***[HCD 1]*** *Local ordinances or regulations shall permit the replacement, retention and extension of original materials, and the use of original methods of construction, for any building or accessory structure, provided such building or structure complied with the building code provisions in effect at the time of original construction and the building or accessory structure does not become or continue to be a substandard building. For additional information, see Health and Safety Code Sections 17912, 17920.3, 17922(d), 17922.3, 17958.8 and 17958.9.*~~

**SECTION 3404**
**ALTERATIONS**

**3404.1 General.** Except as provided by Section 3401.4 or this section, alterations to any building or structure shall comply with the requirements of the code for new construction. Alterations shall be such that the existing building or structure is no less complying with the provisions of this code than the existing building or structure was prior to the alteration.

**Exceptions:** (No change to text)

~~***3404.1.1 Replacement, retention and extension of original materials. [HCD 1]*** *Local ordinances or regulations shall permit the replacement, retention and extension of original materials, and the use of original methods of construction, for any building or accessory structure, provided such building or structure complied with the building code provisions in effect at the time of original construction and the building or accessory structure does not become or continue to be a substandard building. For additional information, see Health and Safety Code Sections 17912, 17920.3, 17922(d), 17922.3, 17958.8 and 17958.9.*~~

**SECTION 3405**
**REPAIRS**

**3405.1 General.** Buildings and structures, and parts thereof, shall be repaired in compliance with Section 3405 and 3401.2. Work on nondamaged components that is necessary for the required repair of damaged components shall be considered part of the repair and shall not be subject to the requirements for alterations in this chapter. Routine maintenance required by Section 3401.2, ordinary repairs exempt from permit in accordance with Section 105.2, and abatement of wear due to normal service conditions shall not be subject to the requirements for repairs in this section.

~~***3405.1.2 Replacement, retention and extension of original materials. [HCD 1]*** *Local ordinances or regulations shall permit the replacement, retention and extension of original materials, and the use of original methods of construction, for any building or accessory structure, provided such building or structure complied with the building code provisions in effect at the time of original construction and the building or accessory structure does not become or continue to be a substandard building. For additional information, see Health and Safety Code Sections 17912, 17920.3, 17922(d), 17922.3, 17958.8 and 17958.9.*~~

**SECTION 3410**
**MOVED STRUCTURES**

**3410.1 Conformance.** Structures moved into or within the jurisdiction shall comply with the provisions of this code for new structures.

~~***Exception: [HCD 1 & HCD 2]*** *After July 1, 1978, local ordinances or regulations for moved apartment houses and dwellings shall permit the retention of existing materials and methods of construction, provided the apartment house or dwelling complies with the building standards for foundations applicable to new construction and does not become or continue to be a substandard building. For additional information, see Health and Safety Code Section 17958.9.*~~

## 43. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 35 from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with new and existing amendments as follows:

**CHAPTER 35**
**REFERENCED STANDARDS**

This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this document. The standards are listed herein by the promulgating agency of the standard, the standard identification, the effective date and title, and the section or sections of this document that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in *Chapter 1, Scope and Administration, Division I, Sections 1.1.5 and 1.1.7, and in Chapter 1, Scope and Administration, Division II,* Section 102.4, *as applicable*.

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| **ASTM** | American Society for Testing and Materials<br>100 Barr Harbor Drive<br>West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 | |
| **Standard Reference number** | **Title** | **Referenced in code section number** |
| *A227 – 06 (2011)* | *Standard Specification for Steel Wire, Cold-Drawn for Mechanical Springs* | *1211.1.1* |
| *A229 - 12* | *Standard Specification for Steel Wire, Quenched and Tempered for Mechanical Springs* | *1211.1.1* |
| **ICC** | International Code Council<br>500 New Jersey Avenue, NW<br>6th Floor<br>Washington, DC 20001 | |
| Standard Reference Number | Title | Referenced in code section number |
| ~~ICC/ANSI A117.1 – 09~~ | ~~Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities~~ | ~~202, 907.5.2.3.3, 1009.8.2, 1009.9, 1009.11, 1010.1.9.7, 1012.1, 1012.6.5, 1012.10, 1013.4, 1023.9, 1101.2, 1111.2, 1111.3, 1111.4, 1111.4.2~~ |
| ICC 300-12 | ICC Standard on Bleachers, Folding and Telescopic Seating and Grandstands | 1029.1.1, Table 1607.1 |
| ICC 400-12 | Standard on Design and Construction of Log Structures | 2301.2 |
| ICC 500—14 | ICC/NSSA Standard on the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters | 202, 423.1, 423.3, 423.4 |
| ICC 600-14 | Standard for Residential Construction in High Wind Regions | 1609.1.1, 1609.1.1.1, 2308.2.1 |
| ~~IEBC - 15~~ | ~~International Existing Building Code~~ | ~~101.4.7, 116.5, 201.3~~ |
| ~~IECC-15~~ | ~~International Energy Conservation Code®~~ | ~~101.4.6, 201.3, 202, 1203.1, 1301.1.1, 1405.3~~ |
| ~~IFC-15~~ | ~~International Fire Code®~~ | ~~101.4.5, 102.6, 201.3, 202, 307.1, Table 307.1(1), Table 307.1(2), 307.1.1, 307.1.2, 403.4.5, 404.2, 406.7, 406.8, 407.2.6, 407.4, 410.3.6, 411.1, 412.1, 412.6.1, 413.1, 414.1.1, 414.1.2, 414.1.2.1, 414.2, 414.2.5, Table 414.2.5(1), Table 414.2.5(2), 414.3, 414.5,~~ |

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| | | ~~414.5.1, Table 414.5.1, 414.5.2, 414.5.3, 414.5.4, 414.6, 415.1, 415.6, 415.6.1, 415.6.1.1, 415.6.1.4, Table 415.6.2, 415.7.3, 415.8.2, 415.9, 415.9.1, 415.9.1.3, 415.9.1.4, 415.9.1.6, 415.9.1.7, 415.9.1.8, 415.9.2, 415.9.3, 415.10, 415.11, 415.11.1.7, 415.11.4, 415.11.7.2, 415.11.9.3, 415.11.10.1, 416.1, 416.4, 421.1, 422.3.1, 426.1.4, Table 504.3, Table 504.4, Table 506.2, 507.4, 507.8.1.1.1, 507.8.1.1.2, 507.8.1.1.3, 705.8.1, 707.1, 901.2, 901.3, 901.5, 901.6.2, 901.6.3, 903.1.1, 903.2.7.1, 903.2.11.6, 903.2.12, 903.5, 904.2.1, 904.12.3, 905.1, 905.3.6, 906.1, 907.1.8, 907.2.5, 907.2.13.2, 907.2.15, 907.2.16, 907.6.5, 907.8, 909.20, 910.2.2, 1001.3, 1001.4, 1010.1.9.6, 1203.5.2, 1203.6, 1507.16, 1512.1, Table 1604.5, 2603.4.1.12, 2702.1, 2702.1.2, 2702.2.3, 2702.2.8, 2702.2.9, 2702.2.11, 2702.2.12, 2702.2.13, 2702.4, 3003.3, 3008.1.2, 3102.1, 3103.1, 3111.1, 3111.1.1, 3302.3, 3303.7, 3309.2~~ |
| ~~IFGC-15~~ | ~~International Fuel Gas Code®~~ | ~~101.4.1, 201.3, Table 307.1(1), 415.9.2, 2113.11.1.2, 2113.15, 2801.1~~ |
| ~~IMC-15~~ | ~~International Mechanical Code®~~ | ~~101.4.2, 201.3, 307.1.1, Table 307.1(1), 406.6.2, 406.8.2, 406.8.4, 409.3, 412.6.6, 414.1.2, 414.3, 415.8.1.4, 415.8.2, 415.8.2.7, 415.8.3, 415.8.4, 415.10.11, 415.10.11.1, 416.2.2, 413.3, 416.3, 417.1, 419.8, 421.5, 603.1, 603.1.1, 603.1.2, 712.1.6, 717.2.2, 717.5.3, 717.5.4, 717.6.1, 717.6.2, 717.6.3, 718.5, 720.1, 720.7, 903.2.11.4, 904.2.1, 904.11, 907.3.1, 908.6, 909.1, 909.10.2, 909.13.1, 1006.2.2.3, 1011.6, 1020.5.1, 1203.1, 1203.2.1, 1203.5.2, 1203.5.2.1, 1203.6, 1209.3, 2801.1~~ |
| ~~IPC-15~~ | ~~International Plumbing Code®~~ | ~~101.4.3, 201.3, 415.9.3, 603.1.2, 718.5, 903.3.5, 904.12.1.3, 912.6, 1206.3.3, 1503.4, 1503.4.1, 1805.4.3, 2901.1, Table 2902.1, 3305.1, A101.2~~ |
| ~~IPMC-15~~ | ~~International Property Maintenance Code®~~ | ~~101.4.4, 102.6, 103.3~~ |
| ~~IPSDC-15~~ | ~~International Private Sewage Disposal Code®~~ | ~~.101.4.3, 2901.1~~ |
| ~~IRC-15~~ | ~~International Residential Code®~~ | ~~101.2, 305.2.3, 308.3.4, 308.4.2,~~ |

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| | | ~~308.6.4, 310.1, 310.5.1, 310.5.2, 2308.1, 3401.3~~ |
| ~~IWUIC-15~~ | ~~International Wildland-Urban Interface Code™~~ | ~~Table 1505.1~~ |
| SBCCI SSTD 11-97 | Test Standard for Determining Wind Resistance of Concrete or Clay Roof Tiles | 1504.2.1.1, 1504.2.1.2 |

| **NFPA** | National Fire Protection Association<br>1 Batterymarch Park<br>Quincy, MA 02169-7471 | |
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| Standard Reference Number | Title | Referenced in code section number |
| 720 – 15 | Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment | *915.4.1, 915.5.1, 915.5.2, 915.5.6, 915.5.7*<br>~~*420.6,* 915.1.6.1, 915.1.6.2~~ |

| **UL** | Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.<br>333 Pfingsten Road<br>Northbrook, IL 60062-2096 | |
|---|---|---|
| Standard Reference Number | Title | Referenced in code section number |
| ~~*2034*~~ | ~~*Single and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms effective August 1, 2009*~~ | ~~*420.4*~~ |
| 2034 - 2008 | Standard for Single- and Multiple Station Carbon Monoxide Alarms with revision through February 2009 | ~~*420.6,*~~ 915.4.2, 915.4.3 |
| 2075 - 2013 | Standard for Gas and Vapor Detectors and Sensors | ~~*420.6*~~ 421.6.2, 406.8.5.1.1, 915.5.1, 915.5.3 |

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.

## 44. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix A from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX A**
**EMPLOYEE QUALIFICATIONS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 45. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix B from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX B**
**BOARD OF APPEALS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 46. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix C from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX C**
**GROUP U – AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 47. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix D from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX D**
**FIRE DISTRICTS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 48. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix E from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX E**
**SUPPLEMENTARY ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 49. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix F from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX F**
**RODENTPROOFING**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 50. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix G from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX G**
**FLOOD-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

## 51. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix H from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX H**
**SIGNS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 52. HCD proposes to adopt Appendix I from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code without amendments.

**APPENDIX I**
**PATIO COVERS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 53. HCD proposes to adopt Appendix J from the 2015 International Building Code into the 2016 California Building Code with new amendment as follows:

**APPENDIX J**
**GRADING**

**SECTION J104**
**PERMIT APPLICATION AND SUBMITTALS**

**J104.1 Submittal requirements.** In addition to the provisions of Section*s* 105.3 *or 1.8.4*, *as applicable*, the applicant shall state the estimated quantities of excavation and fill.

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 54. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix K from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX K**
**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 55. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix L from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX L**
**EARTHQUAKE RECORDING INSTRUMENTATION**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

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## 56. HCD proposes NOT to adopt Appendix M from the 2015 International Building Code.

**APPENDIX M**
**TSUNAMI-GENERATED FLOOD HAZARD**

**NOTE:**
Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.3, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17927, 17928, 17959.6, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1, 18873.2, 18873.3, 18873.4, 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11 and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.