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## **BUILDING STANDARDS INFORMATION BULLETIN 17-06**

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**TO:** **CBSC INTERESTED PARTIES  
LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENTS  
STATE AGENCIES**

**SUBJECT:** **2016 California Building Standards Code: Intervening Code  
Adoption Cycle Supplement**

The purpose of this information bulletin is to notify code users of changes recently adopted during the 2016 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle. These changes will be published as Supplements (blue pages) to various parts of the 2016 California Building Standards Code (Cal. Code Regs., Title 24.) on or before January 1, 2018, and become effective and enforceable July 1, 2018. Additionally, this bulletin explains the purpose and application of Supplements and Errata.

The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), during its June 20, August 14-15, and October 17, 2017 meetings, approved changes affecting the following parts of the California Building Standards Code:

- Part 1—California Administrative Code
- Part 2—California Building Code, Volumes 1 and 2
- Part 2.5—California Residential Code
- Part 3—California Electrical Code
- Part 4—California Mechanical Code
- Part 5—California Plumbing Code
- Part 9—California Fire Code
- Part 11—California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)
- Part 12—California Referenced Standards Code

### **Effective Dates and Application of the 2016 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle Supplement**

The effective dates for rulemakings (changes or additions to the code) is typically 180 days (six months) after the publication date as provided for in [Health and Safety Code Section 18938](#). However, exceptions to this include administrative regulations, change(s) without regulatory effect (CWoRE), and emergency regulations. During the [2016 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle](#) administrative and CWoRE rulemakings were approved by CBSC, both of which had an effective date 30 days after the approved rulemakings were filed with the California Secretary of State.

As provided for in [Health and Safety Code Section 18938.5](#), only those building standards approved by CBSC and that are effective at the local level at the time an application for a building permit is submitted, shall apply to the plans and specifications for, and to the construction performed under that permit. The 2016 California Building Standards Code remains in effect and is applicable to all plans and specifications, for and to the construction performed

under that building permit. The provisions contained within the 2016 Intervening Code Supplement do not become effective or enforceable until July 1, 2018, as noted below.

### Effective Dates

- **July 1, 2018**, is the statewide effective date established by CBSC pursuant to [Health and Safety Code Section 18938, subdivision \(c\)](#) for the majority of the rulemakings approved by CBSC at its June 20, August 14-15, and October 17, 2017 meetings. *Please take note that Supplement (blue pages) will reflect the effective date for the rulemakings; this effective date is also included in the History Note Appendix.* The History Note Appendix is an important element to consult when determining the effective date of these regulations.
- **September 15, 2017**, is the statewide effective date for rulemakings affecting the California Administrative Code (Cal. Code Regs., Title 24, Part 1), which were approved at the August 14-15, 2017 meeting. Again, please consult the History Note Appendix accompanying the Supplement to verify the effective date of the regulations.

The regulations approved at the June 20, August 14-15, and October 17, 2017 meetings may be viewed in advance of publication by selecting the corresponding *Approved Standards* links on the [2016 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle webpage](#).

### Supplements

When CBSC adopts a revision or addition to a part within the current edition of Title 24, replacement code pages are published in the form of a Supplement printed on blue paper. Supplements are published by the code publishers identified on page 4 of this bulletin. A Supplement may be one or more pages in length as needed to provide replacement pages for a part of Title 24. Every page of the code with a change or addition is replaced in its entirety. A separate Supplement is issued for each part of Title 24 that is affected by a code adoption. A sample of a Supplement may be seen on page 29 of our [Guide to Title 24](#), which is based upon the 2016 California Building Standards Code and is available on our website [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov).

Not all code text on a blue Supplement page is a new building standard. Even a seemingly minor change on a single page in the code necessitates the replacement of the entire page with a Supplement page. New, amended or repealed building standards are identified by margin symbols. An explanation of marginal markings is provided in the preface pages of each part of the code.

### Errata

When CBSC needs to correct an error such as a spelling or numerical mistake that does not establish a new code requirement in a current part of the California Building Standards Code, Errata are issued on buff colored paper. Errata, like Supplements, are published by the respective code publishers. While similar in design, Errata should not be mistaken for a Supplement. A sample of an issued Erratum is shown on page 30 of our [Guide to Title 24](#), based upon the 2016 California Building Standards Code. Like a Supplement, Errata are published with instructions concerning the code pages to be removed and replaced, and contain a History Note Appendix listing the effective date.

### Enforcement Responsibility

The requirements within the California Building Standards Code establish the minimum regulations for the design and construction of buildings and structures in California. State law, in various cases, mandates that local government enforce these regulations and any local ordinances with qualified reasonably necessary and generally more restrictive building standards than provided for in the California Building Standards Code.

Exceptions for enforcement are for building standards applicable to hospitals, state buildings, public schools and colleges that are subject to state agency authority. For detailed information regarding enforcement responsibilities, refer to Chapter 1, Division 1 of the 2016 California Building Code (Cal. Code Regs., Title 24, Part 2.).

### **Amendment by Local Ordinance**

Local ordinances amending building standards approved/adopted by CBSC are subject to requirements of California law. Ordinances generally must be more restrictive than the building standards approved/adopted by CBSC. These amendments must be filed, as appropriate, with either CBSC, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the State Historical Building Safety Board, or the California Energy Commission.

Changes made to the California Energy Code (Cal. Code Regs., Title 24, Part 6.) by local jurisdictions must be submitted to the California Energy Commission as required by Section 10-106 of the California Administrative Code.

CBSC developed a [Guide for Local Amendments and Filings of Building Standards](#), which is available on its website for download or print by navigating to the [Guidebooks and Educational Documents webpage](#) located under the *Resources and Information* tab. The availability of this guide was announced in [Information Bulletin 14-02](#). Additionally, CBSC in cooperation with the International Code Council developed the [California Code Adoption for Local Jurisdictions webinar](#) available on YouTube. CBSC also issued a number of information bulletins relative to local government amendments adopted via ordinance, which are required to be filed with and accepted by CBSC prior to enforcement. The most recent bulletins issued on this subject are Information Bulletins [10-03](#) and [11-01](#). Examples of successfully filed local ordinances are available on the CBSC [Local Code Ordinances webpage](#).

### **Availability of Supplements and Errata to the 2016 California Building Standards Code**

The Supplements and Errata to the 2016 California Building Standards Code are available through the CBSC website on the [Codes webpage](#). They can also be purchased through the following publishers:

- Publisher: International Code Council (ICC)  
Online store: [www.shop.iccsafe.org](http://www.shop.iccsafe.org)  
Email: [order@iccsafe.org](mailto:order@iccsafe.org) or [ecodes@iccsafe.org](mailto:ecodes@iccsafe.org)  
Telephone: ICC Store (800)786-4452
  
- Publisher: International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)  
Online Store: [www.iapm-membership.org](http://www.iapm-membership.org)  
Email: [publications@iapmo.org](mailto:publications@iapmo.org)  
Telephone: (909) 472-4208
  
- Publisher: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) / BNi Books  
Online store: [www.bnibooks.com](http://www.bnibooks.com)  
Telephone: (888) 264-2665

Questions or comments regarding the subject of this bulletin should be directed to CBSC staff by telephone (916) 263-0916 or via e-mail [cbsc@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:cbsc@dgs.ca.gov).

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