

The 2007 CBSC, as published by the California Building Standards Commission, will apply statewide on the effective date of January 1, 2008, whether adopted at the local level or not. When local government develops a code adoption ordinance, it is permissible to make amendments, by ordinance, to the 2007 CBSC for more restrictive requirements, as permitted under Health and Safety Code sections 18941.5, 17958, 17958.5 and 17958.7. The local agency making more restrictive amendments must make a finding based on a local geological, topographical, or climatic condition. The findings along with the amendment must be adopted by local ordinance and filed with the California Building Standards Commission before it is effective or operative.

International Building Code Chapter 1 is reprinted as Appendix Chapter 1 within the 2007 CBSC parts based on model codes². It is adopted only in part by some state agencies. Local governments may adopt Appendix Chapter 1 by reference in their local adoption ordinance process. Local adoption of Appendix Chapter 1 may be made without meeting the requirements of Health and Safety Code sections 18941.5, 17958, 17958.5 and 17958.7.

While creating a local code adoption ordinance, local governments should refer to the provisions of Building Standards Bulletin 99-01, available at the California Building Standard Commission's website (<http://www.bsc.ca.gov/>).

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact commission staff at 916-263-0916.

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² Appendix Article 89 in Part 3, the California Electrical Code