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BUILDING STANDARDS INFORMATION BULLETIN 14-08

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TO: LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS
STATE AGENCIES
INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: 2013 California Building Standards Code - 2013 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle Supplement

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to notify code users of changes recently adopted during the 2013 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle. These changes will be published to various Parts of the 2013 California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations on or before January 1, 2015. Additionally, this bulletin explains the purpose and application of supplements and errata.

The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) during its July 22, 2014, and October 21, 2014, meetings approved changes affecting the following Parts of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24:

- 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 5 - California Plumbing Code
- Part 9 - California Fire Code
- Part 11 - California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)

Effective Dates and Application of the 2013 Intervening Code Cycle Supplement

When establishing the effective date for rulemakings (changes or additions to the code), generally it is the publication date from which effective date is established as provided for in Health and Safety Code Section 18938. However exceptions to this include administrative regulations, change without regulatory effect, and emergency regulations. During the 2013 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle both administrative and change without regulatory effect rulemakings were approved by CBSC, both of which had an effective date 30-days after approved rulemakings were filed with the California Secretary of State.

Effective Dates

- **July 1, 2015**, is the statewide effective date established by CBSC pursuant to Health and Safety Code 18938(c) for the majority of the rulemakings approved by CBSC at its July 22, 2014 and October 21, 2014 meetings. Please take note that the Supplement (blue pages) will reflect the effective date for the rulemakings in the **History Note Appendix** accompanying the publication. This part of the Supplement is an important element to consult when determining the effective date of these regulations.
- Two exceptions are rulemakings approved by CBSC at its July 22, 2014, meeting affecting Part 1, and rulemakings approved at the October 21, 2014, meeting affecting Parts 1 and 11. Again, please consult the History Note Appendix accompanying the Supplement to verify the effective date of the regulations.

August 30, 2014, is the statewide effective date for rulemakings approved by CBSC at its July 22, 2014, meeting affecting administrative provisions of Part 1.

November 27, 2014, is the statewide effective date for rulemakings approved by CBSC at its October 21, 2014, meeting affecting administrative provisions of Part 1 and changes without regulatory effect pertaining to Parts 1 and 11.

The regulations approved at the July 22, 2014, and October 21, 2014, meetings may be viewed in advance of publication at the CBSC website, www.bsc.ca.gov. Select "*Rulemaking*", "*18-Month Code Adoption Cycle*", "*2013 Cycle*", "*Approved Standards*", and then select the appropriate state agency dropdown.

As provided for in California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.5, Section 18938.5 of the Building Standards Law, 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 2013 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 where the application for a building permit is submitted to the local jurisdiction on or before the effective date of the regulation.

Supplements

When CBSC adopts a revision or addition to a current edition of a Part 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 30 of our [Guide to Title 24](#) based upon the 2013 California Building Standards Code, which is available at our website www.bsc.ca.gov. Select the '*Education*' tab on the homepage, click on '*Guidebooks and Other Resources*', and then '*CBSC Guidebooks*'. You may open and print the Guide at no cost.

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 margin marks is provided in each Part of the code on the page before the Table of Contents.

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 Title 24, an Errata is issued on buff colored paper. Errata, like Supplements are published by the respective code publishers. While similar in design, an Errata should not be mistaken for a Supplement. A sample of an issued Erratum is shown on page 29 of our [Guide to Title 24](#) based upon the 2013 California Building Standards Code and is available at our website www.bsc.ca.gov. Like a Supplement, an Errata is published with instructions concerning the code pages to be removed and replaced.

Enforcement Responsibility

The requirements within California Building Standards Code, Title 24, are the established 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 agencies authority. For detailed information regarding enforcement responsibilities, refer to Chapter 1, Division 1, commencing with Section 1.1, of the 2013 California Building Code, Part 2, Volume 1 of Title 24, California Code of Regulations.

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 or the Department of Housing and Community Development. Note that unlike California Building Standards Law, the State Housing Law (Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 1.5) pertaining to residential occupancies does not specify that local amendments be more restrictive.

Additionally, changes made to the California Energy Code by local jurisdiction must be submitted to the California Energy Commission as required by Section 10-106, California Administrative Code, Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations.

CBSC developed a [Guide for Local Amendments and Filings of Building Standards](#), which is available for free and may be downloaded or printed from the CBSC website under the 'Publications' tab on the homepage. The availability of this Guide was announced in Building Standards Information Bulletin [14-02](#). Additionally, in cooperation with the International Code Council, CBSC partnered in the development of the "[California Code Adoption for Local Jurisdictions](#)" webinar, which may be accessed from the www.bsc.ca.gov homepage. Lastly,

CBSC issued a number of Information Bulletins relative to local government amendments via ordinance and the required filings. These Bulletins also are available at www.bsc.ca.gov under the “*Publications*” tab. The most recently issued Bulletins on this subject are Building Standards Information Bulletin [10-03](#) and [11-01](#). Examples of successfully filed local ordinances are available on the CBSC website under the “*Codes*” tab and identified as [Local Filings](#) .

[Reference Health & Safety Code (HSC) Sections 17950, 17958, 17958.5, 17958.7, 18938, 18941.5]

Availability of Supplements and Errata to the 2013 California Building Standards Code

The Supplements and Errata to the 2013 California Building Standards Code, Title 24 are available through the CBSC website www.bsc.ca.gov, under ‘*Rulemaking*’ They can also be purchased through the following publishers:

- International Code Council (ICC)
Online store: www.shop.iccsafe.org
Email: order@iccsafe.org or ecodes@iccsafe.org
Telephone: ICC Store (800)786-4452

- International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)
Online Store: www.iapm-membership.org
Email: publications@iapmo.org
Telephone: (909) 472-4208

- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) / BNi Books
Online store: www.bnibooks.com
Telephone: (888) 264-2665

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