



**Ordinance FAQs / CALGreen:**

1. Q: When does a city or county local ordinance for a code amendment become effective?  
A: The local amendment(s) becomes effective on the date that the city or county's amendment(s) with its related findings and the modification or change, compliant with (H&SC) §§ 17958.7, are filed (received) with the CBSC. Should a city or county not file its amendment(s) with CBSC means that Title 24, without the city or county amendment(s), applies within the local jurisdiction.
2. Q: How does a city or county know that their ordinance has been filed?  
A: CBSC will send a letter to the city or county acknowledging receipt of the compliant ordinance(s) and the date it was received.
3. Q: When may city or county local code amendment(s) be filed with the CBSC?  
A: The local amendments may be filed any time, however, most cities and counties file to coincide with the triennial effective date of Title 24. If filed before the effective date the enforceability will be on and after the effective date of Title 24. If filed after the effective date, the enforceability of the amendment will be on the date the amendment, compliant with (HSC) §§ 17958.7, is filed with CBSC or contact our office at (916) 263-0916 or by e-mail at [cbsc@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:cbsc@dgs.ca.gov).
4. Q: How do I know if a city or county has filed an ordinance with CBSC?  
A: CBSC staff will scan and post all ordinances filed with CBSC on the CBSC website. The list of filed ordinances may be viewed via the web link at: [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov) under the title "Local Jurisdiction Ordinance Filings". Cities and Counties with a blue hyperlink have successfully filed its ordinance(s) with the CBSC.
5. Q: What if a city or county adopted and filed with CBSC a green building ordinance prior to the effective date of CALGreen?  
A: The mandatory provisions of CALGreen, like other parts of Title 24, apply statewide. If no additional filing is made, a local jurisdiction would enforce both CALGreen & its green building ordinance. If there are conflicts, however, CALGreen will prevail and can only be amended via a subsequent filing, including findings and changes expressly marked, as required to comply with (HSC) §§ 18941.5 and (HSC) §§ 17958.7.

All state laws referenced herein may be viewed at the state website [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov) . Referenced California Code of Regulations and provisions except Title 24 may be viewed at the Office of Administrative Law website [www.oal.ca.gov](http://www.oal.ca.gov) . The twelve (12) Parts of Title 24 may be accessed through the CBSC website [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov) .

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin or if additional clarification would be helpful, please contact our office at (916) 263-0916 or by e-mail at [cbsc@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:cbsc@dgs.ca.gov).