

**EXPRESS TERMS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE
2012 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE
WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS INTO THE 2013 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 4
(HCD)**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) proposes to adopt the 2012 edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) for codification and effectiveness into the 2013 edition of the California Mechanical Code (CMC) as presented on the following pages, including any necessary amendments. HCD further proposes to:

- Repeal the 2009 edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code;
- Repeal the 2010 edition of the California Mechanical 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; adopt new necessary amendments to the model code proposed for adoption; and/or
- Adopt new building standards that are not addressed by the model code proposed for adoption.

LEGEND FOR EXPRESS TERMS:

1. **UMC language with new California amendments:** UMC language shown in normal Arial 9 point; California amendments to UMC text shown *underlined and in italics*.
2. **Existing California amendments or code language being modified:** *All such language shown in italics, modified language is underlined or shown in ~~strikeout~~.*
3. **Text not being modified:** All language not displayed in full is shown as “...” (i.e. ellipsis).
4. **Repealed text:** All such language shown in ~~strikeout~~.
5. **Amended, adopted or repealed language after public hearing:** All such language appears in double underline or ~~double strikeout~~.
6. **Notation:** Authority and Reference citations are provided at the end of each chapter.

NOTE OF EXPLANATION:

For the **2012 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle**, the Express Terms are displayed as follows:

- PART 1 includes the California Amendments HCD proposes to bring forward from the 2010 California Mechanical Code **with changes** as shown, and also identifies the model code standards from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code HCD proposes for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code.
- PART 2 displays the standards HCD proposes to bring forward from the 2010 California Mechanical Code **without change**, except for nonsubstantive editorial corrections, for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code; the text is provided for context and for the convenience of the code users.

SUMMARY OF REGULATORY ACTION

**** PART 1 ****

HCD PROPOSES TO:

- Adopt standards from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code **with amendment**.
- Adopt standards from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code **without amendment**.
- Bring forward existing California Amendments contained in Chapter 1, Administration, Division I, California Administration from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code **with amendment**.
- Repeal California Amendments from the 2010 California Mechanical Code previously located in Chapter 5 and Chapter 6 and **not** bring those amendments forward into the 2013 California Mechanical Code.

**** PART 2 ****

NOTE: The language in Part 2 is brought forward from the previous code adoption cycle **without change**, except for nonsubstantive editorial corrections, and displayed for context and for the convenience of code users.

HCD PROPOSES TO:

- Bring forward existing California Amendments from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code **without amendment**.
- Bring forward existing California Amendments from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code **with editorial corrections**.

**** PART 1 ****

1. HCD proposes to bring forward existing California Amendments in Chapter 1, Section 1.1.1, from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code with amendment as follows:

NOTE: See Part 2 of this document for existing California Amendments proposed to be brought forward from the 2010 CMC for adoption into the 2013 CMC.

**CHAPTER 1
ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION I
CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATION**

1.1.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the California Mechanical Code, may be cited as such and will be referred to herein as "this code." The California Mechanical Code is Part 4 of twelve parts of the official compilation and publication of the adoption, amendment, and repeal of mechanical regulations to the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, also referred to as the California Building Standards Code. This part incorporates by adoption the ~~2009~~2012 Uniform Mechanical Code of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials with necessary California amendments.

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.

2. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 1, Administration, Section 111.2 only, from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code Chapter 1, Division II, Administration without amendment:

**DIVISION II
ADMINISTRATION**

111.2 Exempt Work. ... (No change to text)

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.

3. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 2 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code with amendment as follows:

NOTE: See Part 2 of this document for existing California Amendments proposed to be brought forward from the 2010 CMC for adoption into the 2013 CMC.

CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS

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Approved. Acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

Exception: (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:

- (1) See Health and Safety Code Section 17920 for "Approved" as applied to residential construction and buildings or structures accessory thereto, as referenced in Sections 1.8.2.1.1 and 1.8.2.1.2.
- (2) See Health and Safety Code Section 17921.1 for "Approved" as applied to the use of hotplates in residential construction referenced in Sections 1.8.2.1.1 and 1.8.2.1.2.
- ~~(3) See Health and Safety Code Section 17921.3 for "Approved" as applied to low-flush water closets in residential construction, as referenced in Sections 1.8.2.1.1 and 1.8.2.1.2.~~
- ~~(4) (3) See Health and Safety Code Section 19966 for "Approved" as applied to Factory-Built Housing as referenced in Sections 1.8.2.1.1 and 1.8.2.1.2.~~
- ~~(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.~~
- ~~(6) (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.~~

... (No change to text)

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~~**UMC Standards. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)** The Uniform Mechanical Code Standards listed in Appendix A of the most recent edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials~~

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.

4. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 3 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

NOTE: See Part 2 of this document for existing California Amendments proposed to be brought forward from the 2010 CMC for adoption into the 2013 CMC.

**CHAPTER 3
GENERAL 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, 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.

5. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 4 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code with amendment as follows:

NOTE: See Part 2 of this document for existing California Amendments proposed to be brought forward from the 2010 CMC for adoption into the 2013 CMC.

**CHAPTER 4
VENTILATION AIR SUPPLY**

402.5 Bathroom Exhaust Fans (HCD 1 & HCD 2) Each bathroom shall be mechanically ventilated in accordance with Division 4.5 of the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen).

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.

6. HCD proposes to adopt Table 403.7 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code with amendment as follows:

**TABLE 403.7
MINIMUM EXHAUST RATES
(ASHRAE 62.1: TABLE 6-4)**

OCCUPANCY CATEGORY ⁶	EXHAUST RATE cfm/unit	EXHAUST RATE cfm/ft ²	EXHAUST RATE L/s-unit	EXHAUST RATE L/s-m ¹⁰
<i>Bathroom</i> ^{8,9}	<i>20/50</i>	-	<i>10/25</i>	-

Notes For Table 403.7

⁸ (HCD1 & HCD 2) *A bathroom is any room containing a bathtub a shower, a spa, or a similar source of moisture.*

⁹ (HCD1 & HCD 2) *ANSI/ASHRAE 62.2: Table 5.1 & 5.2.*

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.

7. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 5 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment: *(See Informative Note)

**CHAPTER 5
EXHAUST SYSTEMS**

****Informative Note***

The following California Amendment from the 2010 California Mechanical Code, Section 506.2, Exception 1, is repealed as shown below and NOT brought forward into the 2013 California Mechanical Code:

506.2 Construction. Ducts used for conveying products ...

Exceptions:

- (1) Class 1 product-conveying ducts that operate at less than four (4) inches (102 mm) water column (995.6 Pa) negative pressure and convey noncorrosive, nonflammable, and nonexplosive materials at temperatures not exceeding 250°F (121°C) may be constructed in accordance with ~~SMACNA/ANSI-006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code original model code text.)
- (2) ... **(No change to text)**

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 6 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment: *(See Informative Note)

NOTE: See Part 2 of this document for existing California Amendments proposed to be brought forward from the 2010 CMC for adoption into the 2013 CMC.

**CHAPTER 6
DUCT SYSTEMS**

***Informative Note**

The following California Amendments from the 2010 California Mechanical Code, Sections 602.1, 602.4, 602.5, 602.6, 603.0, 604.2, 604.5 and 605.0, are repealed as shown below and NOT brought forward into the 2013 California Mechanical Code:

602.1 General. Supply air, return air, and outside air for heating, cooling, or evaporative cooling systems shall be conducted through duct systems constructed of metal as set forth in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards – Metal and Flexible, or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.) Rectangular ducts in excess of two (2) inches w.g. shall comply with ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible, or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.) Ducts, plenums, and fittings may be constructed of concrete, clay, or ceramics when installed in the ground or in a concrete slab, provided the joints are tightly sealed.

... (No change to text)

602.4 Joints and Seams of Ducts. Joints of duct systems shall be made substantially air-tight by means of tapes, mastics, gasketing, or other means. Crimp joints for round ducts shall have a contact lap of at least 1 1/2 inch (38 mm) and shall be mechanically fastened by means of at least three (3) sheet-metal screws equally spaced around the joint, or an equivalent fastening method. Joints and seams for 0.016 inch (0.41 mm) (No. 28 gauge) and 0.013 inch (0.33 mm) (No. 30 gauge) residential rectangular ducts shall be as specified in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.) for 0.019 inch (0.48 mm) (No. 26 gauge) material.

Joints and seams for rectangular duct systems shall be as specified in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.)

Joints and seams for flat oval ducts and round ducts in other than single-dwelling units shall be as specified in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.)

602.5 Metal. Every duct, plenum, or fitting of metal shall comply with ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or duct systems complying with UL 181 for Factory Made Air Ducts and Air Connectors.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.)

602.6 Tin. Existing tin ducts may be used when cooling coils are added to a heating system, provided the first ten (10) feet (3,048 mm) of the duct or plenum measured from the cooling coil discharge are constructed of metal of the gauge thickness set forth in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.) or are of approved material and construction. Tin ducts completely enclosed in inaccessible concealed areas need not be replaced. All accessible ducts shall be insulated to comply with ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.) For the purpose of this subsection, ducts shall be considered accessible where the access space is thirty (30) inches (762mm) or greater in height.

603.0 Quality of Material. Galvanized steel shall be of lock-forming quality with a minimum coating of 1.25 ounces of zinc per square foot (0.04 kg/m³) conforming to the requirements of ~~ASTM A653/A653M Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.)

... (No change to text)

604.2 Metal Ducts. Ducts shall be securely fastened in place at each change of direction and as set forth in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.) Vertical rectangular ducts and vertical round ducts shall be supported as set forth in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.) Riser ducts shall be held in place by means of metal straps or angles and channels to secure the riser to the structure.

Metal ducts shall be installed with at least four (4) inches (102 mm) separation from earth. Metal ducts when installed in or under a concrete slab shall be encased in at least two (2) inches (51 mm) of concrete.

Ducts shall be installed in a building with adequate clearance so as to permit retaining the full thickness of fireproofing on structural members.

Supports for rectangular ducts as set forth in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard,~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.) when suspended from above, shall be installed on two opposite sides of each duct and shall be riveted, bolted, or metal screwed to each side of the duct at not more than the intervals specified.

Horizontal round ducts forty (40) inches (1,016 mm) or less in diameter, when suspended from above shall be supported at intervals not more than as set forth in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.) with one hanger installed to comply with the requirements listed below:

... (No change to text)

604.5 Support of Ducts. Installers shall provide the manufacturer's field fabrication and installation instructions. In the absence of specific supporting materials and spacing, approved factory-made air ducts may be installed as set forth in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.)

... (No change to text)

605.0 Insulation of Ducts. Supply-, return-air ducts and plenums of a heating or cooling system shall be insulated to achieve the minimum thermal (R) value as set forth in ~~the ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006 HVAC Duct Construction Standards Metal and Flexible or another approved duct construction standard.~~ (See the 2009 Uniform Mechanical Code for original model code text.)

9. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 7 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

CHAPTER 7 COMBUSTION AIR

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.

10. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 8 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

**CHAPTER 8
CHIMNEYS AND VENTS**

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.

11. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 9 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code with amendment as follows:

**CHAPTER 9
INSTALLATION OF SPECIFIC APPLIANCES**

924.1 Prohibited Installations. Unless specifically permitted by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, unvented room heaters shall not be installed as primary heat sources. Unvented room heaters shall not be permitted in spaces that do not have the required volume of indoor air as defined in Section 701.4.

(HCD 1 & HCD 2) Unvented fuel-burning room heaters shall not be installed, used, maintained, or permitted to exist in a Group R Occupancy.

924.1.1 Unvented Room Heaters. Unvented room heaters shall not be installed in bathrooms or bedrooms. (NFPA 54:10.23.1) This subsection shall not apply to portable oil fired unvented heating appliances used as supplemental heating in Group S (Divisions 3, 4, and 5), Group U Occupancies, and regulated by the Fire Code.

Exceptions:

- (1) Where approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, one listed wall-mounted unvented room heater equipped with an oxygen depletion safety shutoff system shall be permitted to be installed in a bathroom provided that the input rating shall not exceed 6,000 Btu/h (1.76 kW) and combustion and ventilation air is provided as specified in Section 902.2.
- (2) Where approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, one listed wall-mounted unvented room heater equipped with an oxygen depletion safety shutoff system shall be permitted to be installed in a bedroom provided that the input rating shall not exceed 10,000 Btu/h (3 kW) and combustion and ventilation air is provided as specified in Section 902.2. (NFPA 54:10.23.1)

(HCD 1 & HCD 2) Unvented fuel-burning room heaters shall not be installed, used, maintained, or permitted to exist in a Group R Occupancy.

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.

12. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 10 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

**CHAPTER 10
STEAM AND HOT WATER BOILERS**

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 11 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

NOTE: See Part 2 of this document for existing California Amendments proposed to be brought forward from the 2010 CMC for adoption into the 2013 CMC.

**CHAPTER 11
REFRIGERATION**

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.

14. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 12 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

**CHAPTER 12
HYDRONICS**

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.

15. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 13 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

**CHAPTER 13
FUEL GAS PIPING**

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.

16. HCD proposes to NOT adopt Chapter 14 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code.

**CHAPTER 14
PROCESS PIPING**

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.

17. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 16 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

**CHAPTER 16
STATIONARY POWER PLANTS**

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.

18. HCD proposes to adopt Chapter 17 from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

**CHAPTER 17
REFERENCED STANDARDS**

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 NOT adopt Appendix A from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code.

**APPENDIX A
RESIDENTIAL PLAN EXAMINER REVIEW FORM FOR HVAC SYSTEM DESIGN**

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 NOT adopt Appendix B from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code.

**APPENDIX B
PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED TO PLACE GAS EQUIPMENT IN OPERATION**

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.

21. HCD proposes to NOT adopt Appendix C from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code.

**APPENDIX C
INSTALLATION AND TESTING OF OIL (LIQUID) FUEL-FIRED EQUIPMENT**

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.

22. HCD proposes to adopt Appendix D from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code into the 2013 California Mechanical Code without amendment:

**APPENDIX D
UNIT CONVERSION TABLES**

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.

23. HCD proposes to NOT adopt Appendix E from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code.

**APPENDIX E
GREEN MECHANICAL CODE SUPPLEMENT**

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.

24. HCD proposes to NOT adopt Appendix F from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code.

APPENDIX F

SIZING OF VENTING SYSTEMS SERVING APPLIANCES EQUIPPED WITH DRAFT HOODS, CATEGORY I APPLIANCES, AND APPLIANCES LISTED FOR USE WITH TYPE B VENTS

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 NOT adopt Appendix G from the 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code.

APPENDIX G

EXAMPLE CALCULATION OF OUTDOOR AIR RATE

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.

** PART 2 **

NOTE: The language in Part 2 is brought forward from the previous code adoption cycle without change, except for nonsubstantive editorial corrections, and is displayed for context and for the convenience of code users.

26. HCD proposes to bring forward existing California Amendments in Chapter 1, Administration, Division I, California Administration from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code as follows:

1.1.1 Title. (See Part 1)

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 building 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 referenced in the Matrix Adoption Tables~~ and 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 the 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) *Reserved for Correction 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 1.4.0 for additional scope provisions.*
- (4) *Reserved for the California Energy Commission. See Section 1.5 for additional scope provisions.*
- (5) *Reserved for 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 1.7.0 for additional scope provisions.*
- (7) *Hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, 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 serving existing covered multifamily dwellings, additions to existing buildings where the addition alone meets the definition of "COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS," and common-use spaces serving 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) Reserved for the State Historical Building Safety Board with the Division of the State Architect.
- (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 1.10.0 for additional scope provisions.
- (14) Applications regulated by the Office of State Fire Marshal include, but are not limited to, the following in accordance with Section 1.11.0:
1. Buildings or structures used or intended for use as an:
 - 1.1. Asylum, jail.
 - 1.2. Mental hospital, hospital, home for the elderly, children's nursery, children's home or institution, school or any similar occupancy of any capacity.
 - 1.3. 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.
 - 1.4. Small family day care homes, large family day-care homes, residential facilities and residential facilities for the elderly, residential care facilities.
 - 1.5. State institutions or other state-owned or state-occupied buildings.
 - 1.6. High rise structures.
 - 1.7. Motion picture production studios.
 - 1.8. Organized camps.
 - 1.9. Residential structures.
 2. Tents, awnings or other fabric enclosures used in connection with any occupancy.
 3. Fire alarm devices, equipment and systems in connection with any occupancy.
 4. Hazardous materials, flammable and combustible liquids.
 5. Public school automatic fire detection, alarm, and sprinkler systems.
 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 1.12.0 for additional scope provisions.
- (16) Graywater systems regulated by the Department of Water Resources. See Section 1.13.0 for additional scope provisions.
- (17) For applications listed in Section 1.9.1 regulated by the Division of the 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 1.14.0 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 Sections 18938 (b) and 18938.3 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 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 Non-Building Standards, Orders and Regulations. Requirements contained in the Uniform Mechanical 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 non-building 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 requirement shall prevail.

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 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.

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. See Health and Safety Code Section 18942 (d) (1) and (2).

1.1.11 Format. This part fundamentally adopts the Uniform Mechanical Code by reference on a chapter-by-chapter basis. Such adoption is reflected in the Matrix Adoption Table of each chapter of this part. When the Matrix Adoption Tables make no reference to a specific chapter of the Uniform Mechanical Code, such chapter of the Uniform Mechanical Code is not adopted as a portion of this code. When a specific chapter of the Uniform Mechanical Code is not printed in the code and is marked "Reserved", such chapter of the Uniform Mechanical Code is not adopted as a portion of this code. When a specific chapter of the Uniform Mechanical 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 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.

1.8.0 Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

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 the erection, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, moving, removal, demolition, ventilation and maintenance or use of heating, ventilating, cooling, refrigeration systems, incinerators and other miscellaneous heat-producing appliances.

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. ~~These applications are grouped and identified by abbreviation in the Matrix Adoption Tables to show which model code sections and amendments are applicable to each application.~~ 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.

1.8.2.1.1 Housing Construction. Application - Hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, 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 ~~in the Matrix Adoption Table~~ 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.

References: 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.

1.8.2.1.2 Housing Accessibility. Application - Covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter 11A of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2, also known as the California Building Code (CBC) including, but not limited to, lodging houses, dormitories, timeshares, condominiums, shelters for homeless persons, congregate residences, apartment houses, 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 ~~in the Matrix Adoption Table~~ by the abbreviation "HCD 1-AC" require specific accommodations for "PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES" as defined in Chapter 11A of the CBC. The application of such provisions shall be in conjunction with other requirements of this code and apply only to

newly-constructed "COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS" as defined in Chapter 11A of the CBC. "HCD 1-AC" applications include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) All newly-constructed "COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS" as defined in Chapter 11A of the CBC.
- (2) New "COMMON USE AREAS" as defined in Chapter 11A of the CBC serving existing covered multifamily dwellings.
- (3) Additions to existing buildings, where the addition alone meets the definition of "COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS" as defined in Chapter 11A of the CBC.
- (4) Common use areas serving 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 CBC, Chapter 11A.

"HCD 1-AC" building standards generally do not apply to public use areas or public accommodations such as hotels and motels. Public use areas, public accommodations, and housing which is publicly funded as defined in Chapter 2 of the CBC are subject to the Division of the State Architect (DSA-AC) and are referenced in Section 1.9.1.

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.

References: 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 in the Matrix Adoption Table using the abbreviation "HCD 2".

Enforcing Agency: Local building department or other local agency responsible 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; 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.

References: 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.

1.8.3 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, 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 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, 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.

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, relocation or alteration of any mechanical system.

Exceptions:

- (1) Work exempt from permits as specified in Chapter 1, Administration, Division II, Sections 112.2 through 112.2.5 of this code.
- (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 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, or 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 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.

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 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.

1.8.6 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).

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, hotel, motel, lodging house, dwelling, or an accessory structure, 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 facilities serving "COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS" as defined in Chapter 11A of the CBC, the proposed alternate must also meet the threshold set for "EQUIVALENT FACILITATION" as defined in Chapter 11A of the CBC.

For additional information regarding approval of alternates by a local 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, hotel, motel, lodging house, dwelling, or an accessory thereto. 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.*

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 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 by 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.

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 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.

1.8.10 Other Building Regulations.

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. For additional information, see California Health and Safety Code, Sections 17912 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, local ordinances or regulations relating to a moved residential building or accessory structure thereto, shall, after July 1, 1978, permit the retention of existing materials and 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.

27. HCD proposes to bring forward existing California Amendments in Chapter 2 from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code as follows:

CHAPTER 2

203.0

-A-

Approved Testing Agency. An organization primarily established for purposes of testing to approved standards and approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. (UPC: 203.0) **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)** "Approved Testing Agency" is any agency which is determined by the Enforcing Agency, except as otherwise provided by statute, to have adequate

personnel and expertise to carry out the testing of systems, materials, and various types of construction, fixtures or appliances.

Assembly Building. A building or a portion of a building used for the gathering together of fifty (50) or more persons for such purposes as liberation, education, instruction, worship, entertainment, amusement, drinking, dining or awaiting transportation. **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)** Refer to the California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2 for use and occupancy classification.

Authority Having Jurisdiction. The organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, installations, or procedures. The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or an individual such as a plumbing official, mechanical official, labor department, official; health department official, building official, or others having statutory authority. In the absence of a statutory authority, the Authority Having Jurisdiction may be some other responsible party. This definition shall include the Authority Having Jurisdiction's duly authorized representative.

(HCD 1 & HCD 2) "Authority Having Jurisdiction" shall mean "ENFORCING AGENCY" as defined in Section 207.0 of this code.

204.0 -B-

Building. (HCD 1 & HCD 2) Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

Exceptions: "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 Health and Safety Code Section 18012.5.
- (4) Any recreational vehicle as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 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.

Building Code. The building code that is adopted by this jurisdiction. **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)** "Building Code" shall mean the California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2.

206.0 -D-

Department. (HCD 1 & HCD 2) "Department" means the Department of Housing and Community Development.

207.0 -E-

Electrical Code. The National Electrical Code promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association, as adopted by this jurisdiction. **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)** Whenever the term "Electrical Code" is used in this code, it shall mean the California Electrical Code, Title 24, Part 3.

Enforcing Agency. (HCD 1 & HCD 2) "Enforcing Agency" is the designated department or agency as specified by statute and regulation.

208.0 -F-

Family (HCD 1). "Family" is an individual or two or more persons who are related by blood or marriage, or otherwise live together in a dwelling unit.

214.0**-L-**

Labeled. Equipment or materials bearing a label of a listing agency (accredited conformity assessment body). **See Listed (Third Party Certified).** (UPC: 214.0) **(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.*

Listed (Third Party Certified). Equipment or materials included in a list published by a listing agency (accredited conformity assessment body) that maintains periodic inspection on current production of listed equipment or materials and whose listing states either that the equipment or material complies with approved standards or has been tested and found suitable for use in a specified manner. (UPC: 214.0) **(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. An agency accredited by an independent and authoritative conformity assessment body to operate a material and product listing and labeling (certification) system and that is accepted by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, which is in the business of listing or labeling. The system includes initial and ongoing product testing, a periodic inspection on current production of listed (certified) products, and that makes available a published report of such listing in which specific information is included that the material or product conforms to applicable standards and found safe for use in a specific manner. (UPC: 214.0) **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)** *“Listing Agency” means 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).*

216.0**-N-**

Nuisance. **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)** *“Nuisance” shall mean any nuisance as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 17920(k).*

Notes:

1. For applications subject to the Mobilehome Parks Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.2 of this code, refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2 for the definition of “Nuisance”.
2. For applications subject to the Special Occupancy Parks Act as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.3 of this code, refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2.2 for the definition of “Nuisance”.

217.0**-O-**

Occupancy Classification. Classifications are defined in the California Building Code. **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)** *Whenever the term “Building Code” is used in this code, it shall mean the California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2.*

218.0**-P-**

Plumbing Code. The Uniform Plumbing Code promulgated by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as adopted by this jurisdiction. **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)** *Whenever the term “Plumbing Code” is used in this code, it shall mean the California Plumbing Code, Title 24, Part 5.*

222.0**-T-**

Testing Agency. **(HCD 1 & HCD 2)** *See “Approved Testing Agency”.*

UMC. (HCD 1 & HCD 2) *The most recent edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.*

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.

28. HCD proposes to bring forward existing California Amendments in Chapter 3 from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code with an editorial renumbering of Section 303.8.1 as follows:

NOTE: *The section number (shown in brackets) is from the 2010 California Mechanical Code and has been renumbered as shown in underline.*

**CHAPTER 3
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

(303.7.4) 303.8.1 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Appliances. *(HCD 1 & HCD 2) Liquefied petroleum gas-burning appliances shall not be installed in a pit, basement or similar location where heavier-than-air gas might collect. Appliances so fueled shall not be installed in an above-grade under-floor space or basement unless such location is provided with an approved means for removal of unburned gas.*

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.

29. HCD proposes to bring forward existing California Amendments in Chapter 4 from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code with editorial corrections as follows:

NOTE: *The section numbers (shown in brackets) are from the 2010 California Mechanical Code and have been renumbered as shown in underline.*

**CHAPTER 4
VENTILATION AIR SUPPLY**

(403.8) 403.7.1 Exhaust Ventilation for Enclosed Parking Garages. *(HCD 1 & HCD 2) Exhaust airflow for enclosed parking garages shall be provided in accordance with the requirements in Table ~~4-4~~ 403.7 and this section. Exhaust makeup air shall be permitted to be any combination of outdoor air or transfer air.*

~~(403.8.1)~~ **403.7.2 Exhaust Inlet Distribution. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)** To ensure proper exhaust of contaminated air and fumes from parking garages, exhaust systems utilizing multiple exhaust inlets shall be designed so that exhaust inlets are distributed in such a manner that no portion of the parking garage is more than 50 feet (15,240 mm) from an exhaust inlet. Such exhaust inlets shall be installed so that the highest elevation of the exhaust inlet is no greater than 12 inches (305 mm) below the lowest ceiling level.

Exception: Garage exhaust systems designed without distributed exhaust inlets shall have their exhaust inlets designed based on the principles of engineering and mechanics and shall provide the minimum required exhaust rate in Table ~~4-4~~ **403.7**.

~~(403.8.2)~~ **403.7.3 Alternative Exhaust Ventilation for Enclosed Parking Garages. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)** Mechanical ventilation systems used for enclosed parking garages shall be permitted to operate intermittently where the system is arranged to operate automatically upon detection of vehicle operation or the presence of occupants by approved automatic detection devices.

~~(403.8.2.1)~~ **403.7.3.1 Minimum Exhaust Rate. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)** Ventilation systems shall be capable of providing 14,000 cfm (6608 L/s) of exhaust air for each operating vehicle. Number of operating vehicles shall be determined based on 2.5 percent of all parking spaces (and not less than one vehicle).

~~(403.8.2.2)~~ **403.7.3.2 Automatic Carbon Monoxide Sensing Devices. (HCD 1 & HCD 2)** Automatic carbon monoxide sensing devices may be employed to modulate the ventilation system to maintain a maximum average concentration of carbon monoxide of 50 parts per million during any eight-hour period, with a maximum concentration not greater than 200 parts per million for a period not exceeding one hour. Automatic carbon monoxide sensing devices employed to modulate parking garage ventilation systems shall be approved pursuant to the requirements in Section 302.1.

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 bring forward existing California Amendments in Chapter 6 from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code as follows:

**CHAPTER 6
DUCT SYSTEMS**

601.2 Sizing Requirements. Duct systems used with blower-type equipment that are portions of a heating, cooling, absorption, evaporative cooling, or outdoor-air ventilation system shall be sized in accordance with Chapter 17, or by other approved methods.

Exception: (HCD 1 & HCD 2) Duct sizing calculations are not required for existing duct 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.

31. HCD proposes to bring forward existing California Amendments in Chapter 11 from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code as follows:

**CHAPTER 11
REFRIGERATION**

1106.3.1 Refrigerant Service Ports. Refrigerant service ports located outdoors shall be fitted with locking-type tamper-resistant caps or shall be protected from unauthorized access by a means acceptable to the Enforcing Agency.

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.

32. HCD proposes to bring forward existing California Amendments in Chapter 15 from the 2010 California Mechanical Code for adoption into the 2013 California Mechanical Code with an editorial renumbering of Section 1502.0 as follows:

NOTE: The section number (shown in brackets) is from the 2010 California Mechanical Code and has been renumbered as shown in underline.

**CHAPTER 15
SOLAR SYSTEMS**

~~(1501.0)~~ 1502.0 General. (HCD 1 & HCD 2) For applications listed in Section 1.8.2 regulated by the Department of Housing and Community Development, see Health and Safety Code Section 17959.1 and Civil Code Section 801.5.

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.
