



2019 California Building Standards Code

LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

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Summary

- The State of California amends and adopts a model building code every three years (Triennial Code Adoption Cycle.)**
- The 2019 California Building Standards Code (CBSC), referred to as Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, will take effect on January 1, 2020**
- The City adopts the CBSC with any amendments necessary for local conditions before the end of the year in order for the amendments to be effective**



Background

- The goal of triennial updates is to achieve a higher level of uniformity among city and county agencies throughout the State**
- After the State Code is published, every City and County throughout the State has an opportunity to adopt the California Building Standards Codes with more stringent local amendments based on local geological, topographical and/or climatic conditions**



Analysis

- State's Health and Safety Code requires local governments to adopt and enforce the most recent edition of the California Building Standards Code**
- A City may establish more restrictive building standards than those contained in the California Building Standards Code if the amendment is reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions**



Analysis

- Most Orange County cities, including La Palma, adopt the State technical building codes with local amendments in order to address special conditions that may exist in the jurisdiction**
- To make such amendments to the technical codes, a City must adopt a resolution setting forth the findings for such modifications to the State technical building codes**



Analysis

- A Resolution containing Findings for Local Conditions is provided as *Attachment 1* to staff report**
- The Ordinance, provided as EXHIBIT A to *Attachment 1*, adopts the 2019 Editions of the various technical building codes prescribed by State law and applicable to the City of La Palma**



Analysis

- The Ordinance also includes amendments, additions, and deletions to those technical codes based on local conditions**
- Building Divisions amendments are incorporated into the body of the proposed Ordinance**
- The Ordinance adopts administrative provisions for the enforcement of these Codes**



Notification

- Building Standards Code Adoption requires an Introduction then the setting a Public Hearing date to receive public testimony**
- Introduction of Ordinance is November 5, 2019**
- Council to set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance**
- Public Hearing will be advertised in local paper**



Fiscal Impact

There is no cost to the City



Recommended Actions

- A. Adopt a Resolution setting forth findings with respect to local conditions which justify amendments to the 2019 California Building Standards Code**
- B. Introduce an Ordinance adopting the 2019 California Building Standards Code together with certain amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions thereto**
- C. Set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance identified in item (B)**