



CITY OF SAN DIEGO - 1222 FIRST AVE., M.S. 501, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**Date:** May 14, 2020

**Subject:** Local Amendments to the 2019 California Building Standards Code Effective May 9, 2020

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[Local amendments to the 2019 California Building Standards Code](#) (CBSC) have been approved and adopted into San Diego Municipal Code [Chapter 12](#) and [Chapter 14](#). The 2019 CBSC applies to project applications deemed complete on or after Jan. 1, 2020. The approved local amendments are effective May 9, 2020, and update the existing City regulations for consistency with the 2019 CBSC, highlights of which include:

- An increase in the initial utilization rules for building permits from 180 days to 12 months, according to [Health & Safety Code Section 18938.6](#);
- An increase in the maximum height for a fence not requiring a building permit from six to seven feet;
- Adoption of building standards approved by the State through legislation including adding the requirements for the installation of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) within existing buildings undergoing remodels, requiring a battery backup for residential garage door openers and adding information regarding signage for all-gender restrooms; and
- Adoption of Appendix Q "Tiny Houses" of the CRC, which provides an additional housing option to help meet the City's affordable housing shortfall.

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