



The City of



Fire-Rescue Department

FACT SHEET

Adoption of the 2025 California Fire Code and California Wildland-Urban Interface Code

Proposed Local Amendments

The City of San Diego proposes local amendments to the Municipal Code necessary to implement the 2025 California Fire Code (CFC) and California Wildland-Urban Interface Code (CWUIC) which will be effective January 1, 2026. Local amendments are effective after approval by the City Council and final passage of ordinances necessary to codify updates to the Municipal Code.

The City's Fire Code Regulations are incorporated in the San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 5, Article 11, Division 1-83. The Wildland-Urban Interface Regulations are incorporated in the San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 5, Article 12, Division 1-6.

The proposed code amendments are necessary to provide consistency and compatibility with the 2025 edition of the state code as well as necessary changes in response to new legislation. The California Building Standards Commission allows for local modifications to be made as reasonably necessary due to local climatic, topographical, and geological conditions.

Summary of Significant CFC and CWUIC Changes

The following is a list of significant CFC changes:

- New operational permits to help establish a regulatory framework for required SDFD approvals for access and water supply for buildings under construction.
- Prohibits the sale, rental, leasing, storage, repair, modification or assembly of non-listed lithium-ion batteries for micromobility devices in the City of San Diego.
- Requires Emergency Response Plans to be provided for Energy Storage Systems

The following is a list of significant CWUIC changes:

- Reflects adoption of new 2025 LRA VHFHSZ maps effective 8/30/2025.
- Establishes requirements for zone 0 based on the most recent Board of Forestry draft regulations resulting from AB 3074.
- Includes ignition resistant construction requirements previously located in CBC Chapter 7A and CRC R337 including local amendments previously established in the SDMC.
- Includes specific requirements for defensible space zones to maintain consistency with current SDMC brush management regulations and other State Codes and Regulations including Title 14.

Questions/Comments

For questions or comments regarding the proposed amendments please contact Daniel Hypes, Assistant