

Adoption of the
2007 California
Building Standards

The 2007 edition of the California building standards were adopted by the California Building Standards Commission at their January 29, 2006 meeting. As a result the new construction codes are scheduled to be published on July 4, 2007 and will be effective at the local level for projects submitted on or after January 1, 2008.

- Construction permit applications submitted on or after January 1, 2008, will have to comply with the new State building standards as well as approved local amendments published in the San Diego Municipal Code.
- Construction permit applications that are closed when a permit is not issued within one year of the initial application file date must be resubmitted as required in Section §129.0211 "Closing of Building Permit Application" of the San Diego Municipal Code.
- The department will determine the applicable codes based on the “deemed complete” acceptance date of the submitted permit application and associated plans and documents.
- Permit applications submitted prior to the effective date of the new construction codes will be processed under the existing codes.

The State of California has adopted and amended the new codes into the 2007 edition as follows:

1. **2007 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE** (Part 2 of Title 24) Based on the 2006 International Building Code (IBC) published by the International Code Council.
2. **2007 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE** (Part 3 of Title 24) Based on the 2005 National Electrical Code (NEC) published by the National Fire Protection Association.
3. **2007 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE** (Part 4 of Title 24) Based on the 2006 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC) published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.
4. **2007 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE** (Part 5 of Title 24) Based on the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.
5. **2007 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE** (Part 6 of Title 24) No changes were proposed for the 2007 California Energy Code. The 2005 California Energy Code will be republished with all previously approved errata and supplements included.
6. **CALIFORNIA ELEVATOR SAFETY CODE** (Part 7 of Title 24) Building Standards within the Elevator Safety Code (Part 7) will no longer be published in Title 24. These provisions will be published solely in the California Code of Regulations, [Title 8](#). This Part of Title 24 will be vacant.

7. **2007 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE Building** (Part 8 of Title 24) Standards approved by the Commission for the 2007 California Historical Building Code.
8. **2007 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE** (Part 9 of Title 24) Based on the 2006 International Fire Code (IFC) published by the International Code Council.
9. **2007 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE** (Part 10 of Title 24) Appendix Chapter A1 Seismic Strengthening Provisions for Unreinforced Masonry Bearing Wall Buildings, Based on the 2006 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) International Code Council.
10. **2007 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE** (Part 12 of Title 24) Building Standards adopted by the Commission for the 2007 California Referenced Standards Code

Local amendments to the State adopted codes are currently under development and are expected to be available for comment in July. The Board of Building Appeals and Advisors will be convened in August to review and advise on the suitability of the proposed amendments. It is expected the package will be presented to the City Council for their approval in November.

Both International Fire Code and the International Building Code adopt many standards by reference as differentiated from the 1997 UBC reliance on adoption by reference. This has substantially reduced the number of pages in the model codes but in turn requires the use of tens of referenced outside standards.