



## California State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin 16-005

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### 2016 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE EFFECTIVE DATE

#### **2016 California Building Standards Code**

This Information Bulletin provides information regarding the publication of the 2016 California Building Standards Code including the effective date and application, availability, and enforcement responsibility.

The 2016 California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations (13 Parts) was published on or before July 1 and is now available.

#### **Effective Date and Application of the 2016 California Building Standards Code**

January 1, 2017 is the statewide effective date, established by the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), for the 2016 California Building Standards Code. All applications for a building permit that occur on or after January 1, 2017 are subject to compliance with the 2016 Code.

The 2013 California Building Standards Code remains in effect and is applicable to all plans and specifications, for, and to the construction performed where the application for a building permit is received on or before Dec. 31.

#### **Amendment by Local Ordinance**

Local ordinances that amend Title 24 building standards are subject to requirements of California law and must be enacted and filed for each edition of the California Building Standards Code. Ordinances generally must exercise more restrictive standards than the building standards approved/adopted by the commission. These amendments must be filed and accepted, as appropriate, with CBSC, the Department of Housing and Community Development or the State Historical Building Safety Board before they are enforceable at the local level.

The Local Code Ordinances page on the CBSC website ([www.bsc.ca.gov/Rulemaking/LocalCodeOrdinances.aspx](http://www.bsc.ca.gov/Rulemaking/LocalCodeOrdinances.aspx)) has a number helpful resources including the 2016 edition of the Guide for Local Amendments of Building

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Standards, examples of ordinances that were filed in accordance with state law, and the updated California Code Adoption for Local Jurisdictions webinar.

### Availability of the 2016 California Building Standards Code

The 2016 code may be purchased through the following publishers:

- International Code Council (ICC)  
Online store: <http://shop.iccsafe.org/>  
Email: [order@iccsafe.org](mailto:order@iccsafe.org) or [ecodes@iccsafe.org](mailto:ecodes@iccsafe.org)  
Telephone: ICC Store (800) 786-4452
- International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)  
Online Store: [www.iapm-membership.org](http://www.iapm-membership.org)  
Email: [publications@iapmo.org](mailto:publications@iapmo.org)  
Telephone: (909) 472-4208
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) / BNi Books  
Online store: [www.bnibooks.com](http://www.bnibooks.com)  
Telephone: (888) 264-2665

Additional information regarding the adoption and publication of the California Building Standards Codes can be obtained from the California Building Standards Commission web page at: [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov).

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