



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** November 18, 2019

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADOPTING TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, PARTS 1-12, INCORPORATING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE AND APPENDIX CHAPTERS C, D, H, I AND J; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE APPENDIX CHAPTERS H, J, AND V; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND APPENDIX CHAPTER 4 AND APPENDICES B THROUGH O; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE AND THE 2019 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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MEETING OF 11/18/2019
AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

The State has adopted the California Building Code, Fire Code, and other related codes. By adopting the proposed ordinance the City adopts and amends these codes in order to better meet local conditions and needs. If the City does not adopt and make its local amendments these state codes will apply to the City as written.

BACKGROUND:

Every three years the California Building Standards Commission adopts a new set of building codes which include building, residential, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fire and green building standards. Local jurisdictions must adopt and enforce these adopted codes and apply the minimum requirements to all construction projects that file a building permit application after January 1, 2014. Local jurisdictions may amend the State regulation to address issues of local or regional importance such as fire or earthquake hazards or a desire to seek increased energy efficiencies. However these changes cannot be less restrictive than otherwise mandated by the State.

The previous amendments to these codes are being carried forward from the previous code cycle. There is one new amendments to the Green Building Standards Code which would require an increase in the number of Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations and installation of Electrical Vehicle chargers for newly constructed buildings. There are new amendments to the Fire Code to include more specific language on flammable finishes, the authority to establish an occupancy load in outdoor assembly events, the storage location of propane tanks in proximity to tents and structures, general provisions for tent permitting, and specific technical requirements related to emergency responder radio coverage.

On October 7, 2019, the City Council approved the adoption and amendment of the State codes and instructed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

The City's ordinances relating to building and fire codes were established by ordinance and must be amended by ordinance.

PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT, OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The oversight of the building codes is with the Planning and Community Development Department. The oversight of the fire codes is with the Fire Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

The adoption and amendment of the building and fire codes is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guideline section 15061(b)(3) where there is no possibility the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

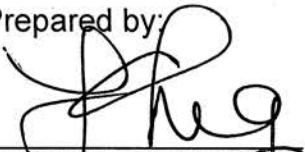
FISCAL IMPACT:

All costs associated with implementing these code changes will be recovered through the adopted fees.

Respectfully submitted,


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