



# Ordinance Fact Sheet

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** November 15, 2010

**FROM:** CITY ATTORNEY

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADOPTING THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 24 INCORPORATING THE 2010 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE CHAPTERS 1-35 AND APPENDIX CHAPTERS C, D, H, I, AND J; THE 2010 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE; THE 2010 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE; THE 2010 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE; THE 2010 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE; THE 2010 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND THE 2010 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE**

**TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:**

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**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.

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**BACKGROUND:**

Every three years the California Building Standards Commission adopts a new set of building codes which include building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and fire standards. This year the State also adopted the California Green Building Standards Code and the California Residential Building Code. Local jurisdictions must adopt and enforce these newly adopted codes and apply the minimum requirements to all construction projects that file a building permit application after January 1, 2011. Local jurisdictions may add to or amend these state codes to be more restrictive, but not less restrictive.

Significant with this code amendment is the adoption of the California Green Building Standards (CALGreen). The ordinance presented herein will make mandatory certain building requirements for multifamily of four stories or more and commercial properties over 25,000 square feet, which are voluntary under CALGreen, but mandatory under the City's existing Green Building Ordinance. In regard to single family dwellings, the proposed ordinance exceeds the CALGreen requirements in that it would include additions and alterations to existing dwellings in addition to new construction as required by CALGreen. Nevertheless, compliance with these requirements is rather easy to achieve and as such is not expected to create a burden for those undertaking additions/alterations to single family homes.

On October 25, 2010, 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 Department, Building and Safety Division, 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.

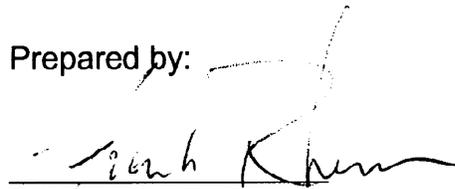
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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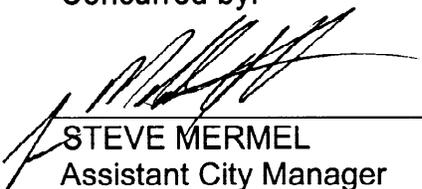
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