

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 21, 2022

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE AND RELATED CODES

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 14 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING THE 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE INCORPORATING THE 2022 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE WITH APPENDIX CHAPTERS G, H, I, J, P; CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE WITH APPENDIX CHAPTERS AH, AK, AQ, AX, AND AZ; 2022 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE WITH ANNEXES A, C, F, I; 2022 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE WITH APPENDIX CHAPTERS B, C, F, G, H; 2022 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE WITH APPENDIX CHAPTERS A, D, G, I, J, K, M, N; 2022 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO STATE ADOPTED CHAPTERS INCLUDING CHAPTER 1, APPENDIX CHAPTER 4 AND CERTAIN APPENDICES WITHIN APPENDIX CHAPTERS A THROUGH O; 2022 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDINGS STANDARDS CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

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, 2023. 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. If the City does not adopt and make its local amendments these state codes will apply to the City as written.

MEETING OF 11/21/2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

On October 3, 2022, 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.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS 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.

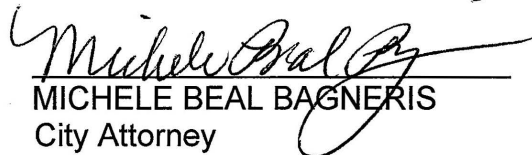
FISCAL IMPACT

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On this same date, Council will be asked to find that the proposed amendments are exempt from environment review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment.

Respectfully submitted,


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