



Staff Report

TO: City Council

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DATE: October 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Continued Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Title 15, Buildings and Construction, of the Beaumont Municipal Code

Description: Adoption of the 2025 California Building Standards, Wildland-Urban Interface, and California Fire Codes (California Code of Regulations - Title 24).

Background and Analysis:

At the regularly scheduled public hearing of October 7, 2025, the City Council received staff's report and public testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amending Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Beaumont Municipal Code. The Mayor opened the public hearing and, following a brief discussion, staff requested City Council continue the public hearing to October 21, 2025, to allow additional time for review of recent state legislation and to ensure the proposed amendments are consistent with current statutory requirements and implementation standards.

Since the October 7, 2025, public hearing, staff reviewed recently enacted state legislation affecting local building and construction regulations, including updates related to building code compliance, permit processing, and state housing mandates to ensure applicable provisions, current best practices, and statutory requirements were incorporated into the proposed ordinance.

The 2025 edition of the Codes was adopted by the California Building Standards Commission and published on July 1, 2025. Sections 17958, and 18941.5 of the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), require that the latest edition of the Codes apply to local construction 180 days after publication. Therefore, State law requires that the Codes become effective at the local level on January 1, 2026.

The Codes are amended and published in their entirety every three years by the order of State law and are amended periodically between cycles. The Codes that are to be

adopted by the State and amended by the City of Beaumont include the following Parts:

- 2025 California Building Code (Part 2); including Chapter 1, Division II, Scope and Administration and Appendix J – Grading
- 2025 California Residential Code (Part 2.5); including Chapter 1, Division 11, Scope and Administration, and Appendix CI- Swimming Pool Safety Act
- 2025 California Electrical Code (Part 3)
- 2025 California Mechanical Code (Part 4)
- 2025 California Plumbing Code (Part 5)
- 2025 California Energy Code (Part 6)
- 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface (Part 7)
- 2025 California Historical Building Code (Part 8)
- 2025 California Fire Code (Part 9)
- 2025 California Existing Building Code (Part 10)
- 2025 California Green Building Standards (Part 11)
- 2025 Wildland-Urban Interface – Chapter 1, Division II except Sections 103.2 and 112.3
- 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface – Sections A101 through A102.2, A102.4, A104, A105.1, A105.4 through A105.4.2, A106 through 106.2, and A107 through A107.5
- 2025 California Fire Code - Chapter 1, Division II except Sections 103.2 and 112.3 and
- 2025 California Fire Code - Chapters 3, 25, and Sections 503, 510.2, 1103.2 and 5707.

Staff recommends local administrative amendments to establish provisions for the effective enforcement of the Building and Construction code of the City as a continuation of previously adopted amendments from prior code adoption cycles. Furthermore, many of these proposed amendments are consistent with those adopted by other local jurisdictions. The proposed amendments are for administrative and procedural clarification and do not modify a building standard. Those modifications that affect code language have been based on express findings due to local climatic, geological or topographical conditions.

Fiscal Impact:

Cost of preparing this staff report, ordinance, and legal review is estimated to be \$300.00.

Recommended Action:

Hold the continued public hearing; and
Waive the full reading and approve the first reading by title only, "An Ordinance of The City Council of The City of Beaumont, California, Approving the Adoption of the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, (California Code of Regulations Title 24), Parts 2 through 11 with amendments and amending portions of Title 15 "Buildings and Construction" of the Beaumont Municipal Code."

Attachments:

- A. Draft Ordinance
- B. Building Code Findings
- C. Fire Code Findings