



Staff Report

TO: City Council

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DATE: November 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 15 of the Beaumont Municipal Code

Description: The second reading of an ordinance amending portions of Title 15 of the Beaumont Municipal Code (BMC) to add the 2025 California Building Standards, Wildland Urban Interface and Fire Codes (California Code of Regulations – Title 24).

Background and Analysis:

At the regularly scheduled meeting of October 21, 2025, the City Council introduced an ordinance to implement the 2025 California Code of Regulations into the BMC Building Code and Fire and Wildland Urban Interface regulations.

Key updates include:

- **Construction Status Equity:** New provisions promote timely inspection requests by limiting the Building Official's authority to grant time extensions for inspections related to unauthorized construction initiated without valid permits. This change is intended to discourage unpermitted work and ensure equitable enforcement across all construction activities.
- **Reference Clarity:** Language has been refined to improve clarity around permit timelines and inspection procedures, supporting more consistent interpretation and application of the code.
- **Code Reorganization:** The Fire Code and Wildland Urban Interface Code have been reorganized to better align with State Law, particularly regarding life and safety standards. This restructuring enhances usability and compliance for both staff and the public.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare this report was \$150. There is no anticipation that the proposed amendments would result in significant fiscal impact. The administration and implementation of the ordinance will be managed using existing departmental resources

and are expected to enhance long-term efficiency in enforcement and inspection processes. Portions of staff time and associated costs will be offset through revenue generated from plan check and permit issuance fees. Adoption will ensure continued alignment with State requirements and strengthen the City's ability to manage construction and safety standards effectively.

Recommended Action:

Waive the full second reading and approve 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 Regulations, Title 24), Parts 2, 2.5 Including Appendix CI 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 with Amendments and Amending Portions of Title 15 'Buildings and Construction' Amending Chapter 15.20, and Amending Chapter 15.20 and Adding Chapter 15.21 of the Beaumont Municipal Code".

Attachments:

- A. Ordinance