



CITY OF SANTA MONICA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION

2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE
WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2026

As of January 1, 2026, California jurisdictions are required to implement the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (i.e., Title 24 of the California Codes of Regulations).

All building permit applications submitted to the City of Santa Monica on or after January 1, 2026, shall be required to comply with the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, as amended by the City of Santa Monica. Any complete building permit applications received by the City of Santa Monica on or before December 31, 2025, are permitted to comply with the 2022 Edition of the California Building Standards Code.

The 2022 Edition of the California Building Standards Code includes the following parts:

- Part 1 California Administrative Code
- Part 2 California Building Code
- Part 2.5 California Residential Code
- Part 3 California Electrical Code
- Part 4 California Mechanical Code
- Part 5 California Plumbing Code
- Part 6 California Energy Code
- Part 7 Wildland-Urban Interface Code
- Part 8 California Historical Building Code
- Part 9 California Fire Code
- Part 10 California Existing Building Code
- Part 11 California Green Building Standards Code
- Part 12 California Reference Standards Code

For more information about these codes, visit: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC/Codes>

The City of Santa Monica amendments to these codes are published at:
https://library.qcode.us/lib/santa_monica_ca/pub/municipal_code/item/article_8

All architects, engineers, designers, developers, owners, and contractors MUST be familiar with the codes in effect at the time of plan submittal. The City of Santa Monica, as required by the State of California, CANNOT approve projects that do not comply with the codes in effect at the time of a complete building permit application submittal to the City.