

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: November 10, 2022

From: Community Development Department

Subject: Introduce an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.04 of the Capitola Municipal Code Pertaining to Building and Fire Code

Recommended Action: Introduce for first reading, by title only, waiving further reading of the text, a proposed ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 15.04, pertaining to building and fire codes.

Background: The State of California has adopted new editions of the California Building Codes, which take effect throughout the state on January 1, 2023. The proposed Ordinance amends Municipal Code Title 15 to adopt the most current version of the California Building Codes as required by California State Health and Safety Code Section 18541.5.

Discussion: The City of Capitola must amend Title 15 of the Capitola Municipal Code approximately every three years to incorporate the most recent editions of State building codes that have been adopted by the California Building Standards Commission. The California Building Standards Commission adopted new model codes which will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

Unlike previous Building Code cycle amendments, there are no significant differences between the 2019 version and the updated 2022 California Building Code. Notable code changes are highlighted below; a detailed list of changes are listed in Attachment 2.

- a. The significant amendment to the Building, Residential, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes, includes keeping the existing code language for permit expiration.
- b. Deletion of Concrete construction standards which had been carried over from previous code adoptions. These construction standards are replaced by current code language.
- c. Adoption of the 2022 California Fire Code as amended and adopted by the Central Fire Protection District.
- d. Swimming Pool Safety Act - This law is mandatory, not optional for local adoption. To align with the CBC, Chapter 31, Appendix AX section numbers were reformatted to reflect the numbering used in HSC 115920 through 115929.

Staff recommends City Council adopt the State Codes as the governing Code for this cycle as the City is obligated to apply State Building and Fire Codes and because the State's standards are tailored to the geographic, climatic, and topographic conditions found in California.

Fiscal Impact: None

Attachments:

1. Draft Ordinance
2. State of CA 2022 Title 24 Code Changes

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