



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance No. 284-2026, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Clearlake Adopting the 2025 California Building Standards Code (CBSC) Update, Title 24, Parts 1 -11A

MEETING DATE: Dec 18, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Bambi Cline, Building Services Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☐ Information only ☒ Discussion ☒ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD:

The City Council is being asked to hold the first reading of Ordinance No. 284-2025, amending Section 9-1 of the Clearlake Municipal Code to adopt the 2025 California Building Standards Code (CBSC), title 24, Parts 1-11A, as a result of the 2024 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle. Further, the City Council is being asked to set the second reading and adoption for the next City Council meeting on January 15, 2026.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

An information bulletin (IB) was provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division of Codes and Standards dated September 22, 2025, pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), section 17913, to provide notice to local enforcing agencies of a code adoption. HCD's updates to these building standards apply to the design and construction of residential occupancies and their accessory structures, factory-built housing, commercial modulars, special purpose commercial modulars, and permanent buildings, accessory buildings, and structures constructed in mobile home parks and special occupancy parks.

The 2025 CBSC applies to all buildings and structures with a permit application date on or after January 1, 2026. Local jurisdictions establish the "permit application date" which will correspond to the date the applicant signs the application, it is assigned an application number in our online portal.

The specific code section updates, Parts 1-11A and their corresponding approval dates are as follows:

2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE	APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
Part 1, California Administrative Code	December 17-19, 2024
Part 2, California Building Code	February 26-28, 2025
Part 2.5 California Residential Code	February 26-28, 2025
Part 3, California Electrical Code	December 17-19, 2024
Part 4, California Mechanical Code	December 17-19, 2024
Part 5, California Plumbing Code	December 17-19, 2024

Part 6. California Energy Code	December 17-19, 2024
Part 7. California Wildland-Urban Interface Code	February 26-28, 2025
Part 9. California Fire Code	February 26-28, 2025
Part 10. California Existing Building Code	February 26-28, 2025
Part 11. California Green Building Standards Code	December 17-19, 2024
Part 11A. California Building Code	February 26-28, 2025

The building department shall retain a current copy of the CBSC available for public inspection pursuant to HSC, section 18942, subdivision (e)(1). In addition, the city shall obtain and maintain at least one copy of building standards and other state regulations relating to buildings published in titles 8, 19, 20, 24 and 25 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). These records are kept in the office of the Building Official responsible for the administration and enforcement of state building standards.

Notice was given on November 20, 2025 to notify the public; designers, contractors and other agencies, of the update as recommended by HCD. Further notice of the public hearing was published in the Lake County Record Bee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

☒ None ☐ \$ Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☐ General Fund ☐ Measure P Fund ☐ Measure V Fund ☐ Other:

Comments: There are no direct fiscal impacts associated with the adoption of this policy. However, ensuring compliance with fair housing laws may enhance the City's eligibility for federal and state funding opportunities.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT:

- ☒ Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- ☒ Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- ☐ Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- ☒ Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- ☐ Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- ☒ Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- ☒ Goal #7: Support Economic Development

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council hold first reading of Ordinance No. 284-2025 and set second reading and adoption for the next City Council meeting, adopting the 2025 California Building Standards Code (CBSC) update, title 24, Parts 1-11A.



Attachments:

1) Ordinance 284-2025, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Clearlake Adopting the 2025 California Building Standards Code (CBSC) Update, Title 24, Parts 1 -11A.