



STAFF REPORT
12/10/2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Lizzandro Diaz, Building Official

SUBJECT: Introduce and Waive First Reading of Ordinance No. 1228, amending Title 15 of the Coachella Municipal Code and adopting the 2025 California State Building Standards Code by Reference

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Staff recommends that the City Council introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance No. 1228, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE COACHELLA MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24), INCLUDING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE; THE 2025 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, THE 2025 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO
2. Set a public hearing for January 28, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

It is customary to conduct regular updates to the building code every three years. These updates are carried out to bring the state building code in line with current standards and reflect any changes made to Title 15 of the Coachella Municipal Code.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The proposed adoption of the 2025 California Building Standards Code will improve the safety of structures within the City, and amend portions of the California Building Standards Code to

address the specific needs of Coachella and the challenges posed by the City's unique climatic, geological and topographic conditions. With specific guidelines for construction materials and practices, the building and fire codes will better serve the needs of Coachella, which experiences extreme weather and seismic activity. This will lead to more resilient structures that can withstand the environmental challenges the City faces. The construction process will be safer, more efficient and help protect the investment of property owners.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

It is recommended Council make the following determination that this action is exempt from environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the general rule contained in Section 15061(b)(3). This action involves updates and revisions to existing regulations consistent with State law and will not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

This Ordinance will not have a fiscal impact to the City's General Fund. The cost to administer the codes is recovered through permit fees.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Continue this matter and provide staff direction.
2. Take no action.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance No. 1228
2. City of Coachella 2025 California Building Code Adoption Amendment Findings