



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2025

PRESENTER: Jerry Jones, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 of the Kerman Municipal Code to Adopt the 2025 California Building Standards Code By Reference (JJ)

RECOMMENDATION: City Council hold a public hearing, waive full reading, and adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.04 of Title 15 of the Kerman Municipal Code to Adopt the 2025 California Building Standards Code by Reference.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Every three years, the California Building Standards Commission (BSC), a State agency, adopts updated codes for the design and construction of buildings and structures within the State, known as the California Title 24 Building Standards Code, also referred to as the California Building Standards Code, Building Code, and simply Title 24. State law mandates that local governments enforce these regulations or enforce local ordinances containing qualified, reasonably necessary, and generally more restrictive building standards than those provided in the California Building Standards Code (CBSC). The 2025 CBSC was published by the BSC on July 1, 2025. As a result of the BSC action, each local government agency may adopt this new code, with local amendments if desired, by January 1, 2026. If no local action is taken by this date, then the State's Code in its entirety is applicable to the agency's jurisdiction when processing permit applications. Adoption of the 2025 CBSC by reference allows future amendments to the CBSC to be included automatically rather than having to amend the City's Municipal Code each time there is an amendment to the CBSC.

The 2025 California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations, includes the following parts:

- Part 1 – California Administrative Code
- Part 2 – California Building Code
- Part 2.5 – California Residential Building Code
- Part 3 – California Electrical Code
- Part 4 – California Mechanical Code
- Part 5 – California Plumbing Code
- Part 6 – California Energy Code
- Part 7 – California 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

The 2025 CBSC can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC/Codes>. All construction and development projects submitted to the City on or after January 1, 2026 will be required to comply with the 2025 CBSC.

City Council introduced the ordinance at its regular meeting on October 22, 2025 and set the date for the public hearing for November 12, 2025. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Kerman News on October 29th and November 5th in order to comply with legal requirements. The Notice was also posted at City Hall.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Hard copies of the 2025 CBSC must be available in the Building Division for staff and public review and have already been procured. Costs associated with procurement of the 2025 CBSC are accounted for as part of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

The adoption of this ordinance is exempt from further CEQA review under the common sense rule (Section 15061(b)(3)), as there is not a reasonable possibility that the adoption of the 2025 CBSC may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Proposed Ordinance