



MEETING DATE: May 8, 2023

SUBJECT: Reach Codes

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BACKGROUND

On April 11, 2023, the City Council voted to move forward with the updated Reach Codes as amended during the meeting. The Reach Codes to amend the Los Altos Municipal Code, Chapter 12.22 “Energy Code,” and Chapter 12.26 “Green Building Code” were to be adopted on April 25, 2023.

STATUS UPDATE

On May 17, 2023, a panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the Berkeley Gas Ban Ordinance. To understand and further investigate the ruling, the Building Decarbonization Coalition commissioned a legal analysis. The City of Los Altos has decided to pause the adoption of the Reach Codes introduced on April 11, 2023, until more information is gathered. SVCE will continue to provide updates to local jurisdictions as information develops. The City Attorney’s Office will provide further direction to staff during the process, and they will continue to update the Commission.