



San Bernardino County Fire Protection District



2025 FIRE CODE ADOPTION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR THE CITY OF NEEDLES

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- The State Building Standards Commission publishes the California Fire Code every 3 years:
 - Contains regulations that pertain to fire safe building standards.
 - Becomes effective throughout California 180 days after publication.
 - San Bernardino County Fire Ordinance 26-02 was adopted as amended on May 19, 2026, by the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District.
 - After adoption, cities must ratify the ordinance through an official action for it to become effective.



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- Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 13869 and Government Code section 50022, the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District may adopt by reference the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code and may also make local amendments as necessary based on local climatic, geological, and/or topographical conditions.
- Significant amendments to the 2025 Edition of the California Fire Code, that are included in the adopted ordinance based on local climatic, geological, and/or topographical conditions include:



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- Additional operational permits:
 - Battery storage (carry over from 2022 ord.)
 - Commercial cooking operations (carry over from 2022 ord.)
 - Commercial storage of pallets (carry over from 2022 ord.)
- Additional construction permits:
 - Electrified security fences
 - Plant extraction systems
 - Smoke control/exhaust systems
 - Refrigeration systems
 - Dust collection



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- Update to the mandated font size of a building address (as visible from the street) based on the size of the building. (carry over from the 2022 ord.)
- Clarified requirements regarding water flow when building a structure and the spacing of fire hydrants in commercial, industrial, and multi-family developments. (carry over from the 2022 ord.)
- Amended requirements for mechanically operated security gates to require “exit loops” be installed at all fire access gates and require an “infrared automatic gate system” for all new and existing electrically operated gates.



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- Adopted “Appendix P” to provide codes for temporary haunted houses, ghost walks and similar amusement uses.
- Increased penalties for the transportation and storage of dangerous fireworks from \$1,250 to a maximum penalty of \$15,000.



QUESTIONS?

