



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 4, 2019

TO: Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair  
Supervisor Nate Miley, Member  
TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

FROM: <sup>DS</sup>  
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Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: **ADOPT AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE IMPELMENTING the 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Repeal the current Chapters 15.08 Building Code, 15.12 Electrical Code, 15.16 Plumbing Code, 15.20 Mechanical Code, and 15.24 Housing Code of the General Ordinance Code.
2. Ratify the Alameda County Fire Code amendments to the Chapter 15.08 Building Code of the General Ordinance Code.
3. Adopt and approve an ordinance implementing new Chapters 15.08 Building Code, 15.12 Electrical Code, 15.16 Mechanical Code, 15.20, Plumbing Code, and 15.24, Housing Code in their place, of the General Ordinance Code.
4. Find all Alameda County amendments continue to be reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions.
5. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to publish an advertisement in accordance with Gov. Code Section 25124(b)(2).

### **SUMMARY/ DISCUSSION:**

On July 1, 2019, the State published the 2019 California Building Standards Code. The triennial Building Standards Code will be effective, as written, on January 1, 2020. The proposed ordinance will adopt and amend the 2019 California Building Standards Code to include local regulations in the unincorporated Alameda County.

The new State codes are based upon new model codes published by the International Code series. The adopted codes and standards are for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary, and fit for occupation and use. The latest California Building Standards Code also includes newly published California Residential, Energy, Historical, Existing, Green Building Codes, Appendices for Tiny Houses and Emergency Housing. The proposed ordinance does not add any new county amendments, except for administrative procedures and those areas where the Board of Supervisors has previously approved standards or procedures that are more restrictive and definitive than the 2019 California Building Standards Code. The adoption of the proposed ordinance will have minimum impact on the ongoing permit process.

### **FINANCING:**

There is no impact on the County General Fund. The cost of implementing the proposed ordinance is part of the ongoing cost recovery permit process operated by Building Department.