

[Existing Building Code - Adoption of Chapters 6 through 11]

**Ordinance adopting Chapters 6 through 11 of the 2022 California Existing Building Code; adopting findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage.**

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
**Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
**Deletions to Codes** are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.  
**Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
**Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
**Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. General Findings.

(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 241005 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

(b) On January 8, 2025, the Building Inspection Commission considered this ordinance at a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to Charter Section 4.121 and Building Code Section 104A.2.11.1.1.

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2           Section 2. Findings Regarding Local Conditions.

3           (a) California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5 provide that local  
4 jurisdictions may enact more restrictive building standards than those contained in the  
5 California Building Code, provided that the local jurisdictions make express findings that each  
6 change or modification is reasonably necessary because of local climate, geologic, or  
7 topographical conditions and that the local jurisdictions file the local amendments and  
8 required findings with the California Building Standards Commission before the local changes  
9 or modifications can go into effect.

10           (b) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds and declares that the following  
11 amendments to the San Francisco Building Code are reasonably necessary because of local  
12 climatic, topological, and geological conditions as discussed below.

13           (1) San Francisco's high population density in buildings concentrated on  
14 small lots in areas with high winds results in significant fire risk to human life and property. It  
15 is necessary and appropriate to adopt safety measures that reduce cumulative fire risk from  
16 existing buildings across the City.

17           (2) San Francisco's geologic and topographic conditions produce increased  
18 risk for earthquake-induced failure and consequent fire due to local hazardous seismic  
19 microzones, slide areas, and local liquefaction hazards. It is necessary and appropriate to  
20 reduce seismic risk and increase resiliency by adopting attainable measures that improve  
21 existing buildings.

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23           Section 3. Adoption of Chapters 6 through 11 of the 2022 California Existing Building  
24 Code. Chapters 6 through 11 of the 2022 California Existing Building Code are hereby  
25 adopted without amendment and added to the San Francisco Existing Building Code. Copies

1 of Chapters 6 through 11 of the 2022 California Existing Building Code are on file with the  
2 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No. 241005 and are incorporated into this  
3 ordinance by reference as though fully set forth herein.  
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5 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
6 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
7 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
8 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.  
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10 Section 5. Directions to Clerk. Upon final passage of this ordinance, the Clerk of the  
11 Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to transmit this ordinance to the California Building  
12 Standards Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law.  
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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
16 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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Deputy City Attorney

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