



AGENDA SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: 2025 California Building Standards Code

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

PREPARED BY: Brendan Reilly, Chief Building Official

PRESENTED FOR

☒ Action ☐ Information only ☐ Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Waive full reading, read by title only, and adopt Bill No. 1052-C.S., an ordinance of the City of Eureka amending Eureka Municipal Code Title 15, Chapter 150, Sections 150.015 through 150.026, pertaining to the adoption of codes.

FISCAL IMPACT

☒ No Fiscal Impact ☐ Included in Budget ☐ Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

Effective Governance and Health & Safety

DISCUSSION

Every three years the California Building Standards Commission releases an updated Building Standards Code. This update applies to the California Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Energy, Historical, Fire, Existing Building, and Green Building Codes. Staff seeks to update the Eureka Municipal Code to reflect the 2025 California Title 24 Code of Regulations Building Standards Code.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Amending the text of the Eureka Municipal Code is a "project" for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). However, pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061, there is a general rule CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the Text Amendment only updates code references to align with current State guidelines, the Text Amendment will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

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