

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Building Code - Hydrogen-Fueling Station Equipment]

Ordinance amending the Building Code to create a permit and permitting process for Hydrogen-Fueling Station Equipment installation; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Section 106A.1.16 of the Building Code contains a streamlined permit process for electric vehicle charging equipment installation. The Building Code does not contain a specific building permit or permitting process for installing Hydrogen-Fueling Station Equipment ("HFSE") for vehicles using hydrogen as a fuel source.

Amendments to Current Law

The Proposed Legislation amends Section 106A.1.16 to create a streamlined process for HFSE installations that mirrors the existing streamlined process for electric vehicle charging equipment.

Background Information

In 2015, California Assembly Bill 1236 ("AB 1236") added section 65850.7 to the California Government Code, requiring local governments establish streamlined permitting for electric vehicle charging equipment. The City adopted Building Code Section 106A.1.16 to comply with AB 1236. In 2024, Assembly Bill 1418 ("AB 1418") amended Government Code section 65850.7 further to require local governments create streamlined permitting process for HFSE.

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