

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Housing Code - 2025 Triennial Code Update]

Ordinance amending the Housing Code to update references to provisions of the 2025 Building Inspection Codes; providing an operative date of January 1, 2026; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

The Housing Code provides minimum requirements for the protection of life, limb, health, property, safety and welfare of the general public and the owners and occupants of residential buildings in San Francisco. The Housing Code contains references to sections and standards in the 2022 Building, Electrical, Existing Building, Green Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes (“Building Inspection Codes”).

Amendments to Current Law

Every three years the State of California adopts a new California Building Standards Code (“triennial CBSC”), which amends the California Building, Electrical, Existing Building, Green Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes. The 2025 triennial CBSC will go into effect throughout the State on January 1, 2026. As in past triennial CBSC adoption cycles, San Francisco will repeal the 2022 Building Inspection Codes in their entirety and adopt the new 2025 Building Inspection Codes that apply San Francisco’s existing local amendments to the triennial CBSC. This Ordinance updates the Housing Code to align references to section numbers and code changes being made in the 2025 Building Inspection Codes.