

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Housing Code - Operational Elevators]

Ordinance amending the Housing Code to require R-1 and R-2 group buildings to maintain at least one existing elevator for residents' use; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

The Fire Code requires at least one operable elevator in buildings 50 feet or taller. Section 713 of the Housing Code provides that residential buildings 50 feet must have at least one elevator operating for residential occupants' use.

Amendments to Current Law

The Proposed Legislation would extend the requirement to allow residential use of at least one operable elevator to all residential buildings, including those shorter than 50 feet, that currently have an elevator even if that elevator is not required by the Fire Code. The Proposed Legislation would also provide that the requirement to have an operable elevator for residential use is suspended where the building or its elevator are undergoing repair, maintenance, or improvements that temporarily impact operability of the elevator.

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