

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Existing Building Code - Mandatory Earthquake Retrofit - Compliance Deadline]

Ordinance amending the Existing Building Code to extend the date for completion of work for the seismic retrofitting of Tier IV wood-frame buildings to September 15, 2021.

Existing Law

Chapter 5E of the Existing Building Code mandates the earthquake retrofit of wood-frame buildings. Section 505E.2 has a Table with compliance deadlines for four compliance tiers, including a deadline for completion of the work. Tier IV is the last category of buildings to be retrofitted and the work must be completed by September 15, 2020, seven years from the operative date of the mandate.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance will extend the deadline for completion of the work for Tier IV buildings until September 15, 2021.

Background Information

Extending the compliance deadline for the final category of wood-frame buildings during the COVID-19 pandemic will allow for greater flexibility of property owners to work with their commercial tenants to complete this retrofitting work during a time when it will have as little impact to those tenants as possible.

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