

1 [Existing Building Code - Adoption of Chapters 6 through 11]

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3 **Ordinance adopting Chapters 6 through 11 of the 2022 California Existing Building**
4 **Code; adopting findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety**
5 **Code; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California**
6 **Environmental Quality Act; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to**
7 **forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final**
8 **passage.**

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10 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
11 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
12 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
13 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
14 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
15 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
16 subsections or parts of tables.

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18 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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20 Section 1. General Findings.

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22 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
23 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
24 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
25 Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms
this determination.

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27 (b) On _____, the Building Inspection Commission considered this
28 ordinance at a duly noticed public hearing pursuant to Charter Section 4.121 and Building
29 Code Section 104A.2.11.1.1.

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Section 2. Findings Regarding Local Conditions.

(a) California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5 provide that local jurisdictions may enact more restrictive building standards than those contained in the California Building Code, provided that the local jurisdictions make express findings that each change or modification is reasonably necessary because of local climate, geologic, or topographical conditions and that the local jurisdictions file the local amendments and required findings with the California Building Standards Commission before the local changes or modifications can go into effect.

(b) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds and declares that the following amendments to the San Francisco Building Code are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, topological, and geological conditions as discussed below.

(1) San Francisco’s high population density in buildings concentrated on small lots in areas with high winds results in significant fire risk to human life and property. It is necessary and appropriate to adopt safety measures that reduce cumulative fire risk from existing buildings across the City.

(2) San Francisco’s geologic and topographic conditions produce increased risk for earthquake-induced failure and consequent fire due to local hazardous seismic microzones, slide areas, and local liquefaction hazards. It is necessary and appropriate to reduce seismic risk and increase resiliency by adopting attainable measures that improve existing buildings.

Section 3. Adoption of Chapters 6 through 11 of the 2022 California Existing Building Code. Chapters 6 through 11 of the 2022 California Existing Building Code are hereby adopted without amendment and added to the San Francisco Existing Building Code. Copies

1 of Chapters 6 through 11 of the 2022 California Existing Building Code are on file with the
2 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No. _____ and are incorporated into
3 this ordinance by reference as though fully set forth herein.
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5 Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
6 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
7 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
8 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.
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10 Section 5. Directions to Clerk. Upon final passage of this ordinance, the Clerk of the
11 Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to transmit this ordinance to the California Building
12 Standards Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law.
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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
16 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

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19 Deputy City Attorney

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