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Completed by: Erica Major Date October 13, 2022  
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1 [Plumbing Code - Repeal of Existing 2019 Code and Enactment of 2022 Code]

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3 **Ordinance repealing the 2019 Plumbing Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022**  
 4 **Plumbing Code consisting of the 2022 California Plumbing Code as amended by San**  
 5 **Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the**  
 6 **California Health and Safety Code; providing an operative date of January 1, 2023; and**  
 7 **directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the Ordinance to the**  
 8 **California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law.**

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

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

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16 Section 1. Environmental Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the  
 17 actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act  
 18 (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with  
 19 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220945 and is incorporated herein by  
 20 reference. The Board affirms this determination.

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22 Section 2. General Findings.

23 (a) The California Building Standards Code is contained in Title 24 of the California  
 24 Code of Regulations. It consists of 12 Parts, which are based upon model codes that are

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1 amended by the State agencies with jurisdiction over the subject matter. The California  
2 Plumbing Code is Part 5 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

3 (b) The State of California adopts a new California Building Standards Code every  
4 three years (“triennial CBSC”) with supplemental amendments published in intervening years.  
5 The triennial CBSC goes into effect throughout the State of California 180 days after its  
6 publication by the California Building Standards Commission or at a later date established by  
7 the Commission. The 2022 triennial CBSC will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

8 (c) Local jurisdictions must enforce the California Building Standards Code but they  
9 may also enact more restrictive building standards that are reasonably necessary because of  
10 local climate, geologic, or topographical conditions. Local amendments may be made both to  
11 the triennial CBSC and to its individual Parts during the intervening years; however, local  
12 amendments previously adopted are not automatically applicable to a triennial CBSC. Rather,  
13 they must be re-enacted with the required findings of local climate, geologic, or topographical  
14 conditions, expressly made applicable to the new triennial CBSC, and with an operative date  
15 no earlier than the effective date of the triennial CBSC.

16 (d) As in past triennial CBSC adoption cycles, by this ordinance the Board of  
17 Supervisors repeals the 2019 San Francisco Plumbing Code in its entirety, enacts the 2022  
18 San Francisco Plumbing Code, and re-enacts the existing local amendments to make them  
19 applicable to the 2022 California Plumbing Code.

20 (e) Pursuant to Charter Section D3.750-5, the Building Inspection Commission  
21 considered and approved San Francisco’s amendments to the 2022 California Plumbing Code  
22 at a duly noticed public hearing that was held on August 17, 2022.

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24 Section 3. Findings Regarding Local Conditions.  
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1 (a) California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5 provide that  
2 before making any changes or modifications to the California Plumbing Code and any other  
3 applicable provisions published by the California Building Standards Commission, the local  
4 governing body must make an express finding that each such change or modification is  
5 reasonably necessary because of specified local conditions. The local amendments together  
6 with the required findings must be filed with the California Building Standards Commission  
7 before the local changes or modifications can go into effect.

8 (b) The City and County of San Francisco is unique among California communities  
9 with respect to local climate, geologic, topographical, and other conditions. A specific list of  
10 findings that support San Francisco's modifications to the 2022 California Plumbing Code,  
11 with a section-by-section correlation of each modification with a specific numbered finding, are  
12 contained in Exhibit A entitled "Standard Findings for San Francisco Building Standards Code  
13 Amendments."

14 (c) Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5,  
15 the Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the local conditions described in Exhibit A  
16 constitute a general summary of the most significant local conditions giving rise to the need  
17 for modification of the 2022 California Plumbing Code provisions published by the California  
18 Building Standards Commission. The Board of Supervisors further finds and determines that  
19 the proposed modifications are reasonably necessary based upon the local conditions set  
20 forth in Exhibit A.

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22 Section 4. Repeal of the 2019 San Francisco Plumbing Code and Enactment of the  
23 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code.

24 (a) The 2019 San Francisco Plumbing Code is hereby repealed in its entirety. The  
25 San Francisco Plumbing Code being repealed was enacted on November 21, 2019, by

1 Ordinance No. 268-19, with an operative date of January 1, 2020. It was amended by  
2 Ordinance No. 30-20. These ordinances are available on the Board of Supervisors' website  
3 and in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

4 (b) The 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code is hereby enacted. It consists of the  
5 2022 California Plumbing Code and San Francisco's existing local amendments, which are re-  
6 enacted and expressly made applicable to the 2022 California Plumbing Code. Copies of the  
7 2022 California Plumbing Code and the stand-alone San Francisco amendments are declared  
8 to be part of Board File No. 220945 and are incorporated into this ordinance by reference as  
9 though fully set forth. Existing San Francisco amendments that are being made applicable to  
10 the 2022 California Plumbing Code are shown in unformatted ("plain") text and may include  
11 bold and/or italicized formatting; new San Francisco amendments are underlined; and deleted  
12 San Francisco amendments are in strikeout text.

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14 Section 5. Continuance of Actions Under Prior Code. Nothing contained in this  
15 ordinance shall be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of any  
16 ordinance of the City and County of San Francisco hereby repealed, nor shall this ordinance  
17 be construed as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalties accruing, or to  
18 accrue, or as waiving any right of the City under any such ordinance.

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20 Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this  
21 ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the  
22 remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would  
23 have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this  
24 ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences,  
25 clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

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Section 7. Effective and Operative Dates. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after either January 1, 2023 or its effective date if the effective date is later.

Section 8. Directions to Clerk. Upon enactment of this ordinance, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to transmit to to the California Building Standards Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law 1) this ordinance, 2) the Exhibit A attachment, and 3) the San Francisco amendments to the 2022 California Plumbing Code.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By: /s/ Robb Kapla  
Robb Kapla  
Deputy City Attorney

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## **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Plumbing Code - Repeal of Existing 2019 Code and Enactment of 2022 Code]

**Ordinance repealing the 2019 Plumbing Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022 Plumbing Code consisting of the 2022 California Plumbing Code as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing an operative date of January 1, 2023; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law.**

### Existing Law

The Plumbing Code regulates the installation and maintenance of plumbing systems and fixtures, water heaters, water supply and distribution, sanitation and ventilation systems, drainage, fuel piping, and medical and gas vacuum systems. The current San Francisco Plumbing Code consists of the 2019 California Plumbing Code (which incorporates the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code) and San Francisco's local amendments to the 2019 California Plumbing Code ("San Francisco Amendments").

### Amendments to Current Law

Every three years the State of California adopts a new California Building Standards Code ("triennial CBSC"), which amends the California Plumbing Code and the other state codes that constitute the CBSC. The 2022 triennial CBSC will go into effect throughout the State on January 1, 2023. As in past triennial CBSC adoption cycles, San Francisco will repeal its existing Plumbing Code in its entirety and adopt a new Plumbing Code that applies San Francisco's existing local amendments to the new California Plumbing Code. Except for non-substantive or technical modifications required by amendments to the state code, there are no changes to the existing San Francisco Plumbing Code amendments being carried forward.

### Background Information

Local jurisdictions are required to enforce the California Building Standards Code but they may also enact more restrictive building standards that are reasonably necessary because of local climate, geology, or topography. Local amendments may be made to a triennial CBSC and also throughout the intervening years. However, local amendments previously adopted are not automatically transferred to a new triennial CBSC. Rather, they must be re-enacted with the required findings of local climate, geologic, or topographical conditions, expressly made applicable to the new triennial CBSC, and with an operative date no earlier than the effective date of the new State Code.

BOARD of SUPERVISORS



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September 21, 2022

**File No. 220945**

Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer  
Planning Department  
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On September 13, 2022, Building Inspection Commission introduced the following proposed legislation:

**File No. 220945**

**Ordinance repealing the 2019 Plumbing Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022 Plumbing Code consisting of the 2022 California Plumbing Code, as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing an operative date of January 1, 2023; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law.**

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erica Major".

By: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Don Lewis, Environmental Planning

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

October 12, 2022

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# CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE ONLINE LINKS

## 1. San Francisco Building Code

2022 California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CABC2022P1>

2022 California Residential Code, Title 24, Part 2.5

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CARC2022P1>

## 2. San Francisco Existing Building Code

2022 California Existing Building Code, Title 24, Part 10

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CAEBC2022P1>

## 3. San Francisco Green Building Code

2022 California Green Building Standards Code , Title 24, Part 11

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CAGBC2022P1>

## 4. San Francisco Mechanical Code

2022 California Mechanical Code, Title 24, Part 4

<https://epubs.iapmo.org/2022/CMC/index.html>

## 5. San Francisco Plumbing Code

2022 California Plumbing Code, Title 24, Part 5

<https://epubs.iapmo.org/2022/CPC/>

## 6. San Francisco Electrical Code

2022 California Electrical Code, Title 24, Part 3

<https://up.codes/viewer/california/ca-electric-code-2022/chapter/1/general#1>



September 2, 2022

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Board of Supervisors  
#1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Attached please find the six proposed ordinances (approved by the Building Inspection Commission on August 17, 2022) for the Board of Supervisors approval, which repeal the San Francisco amendments to the 2019 California Building Standards Codes and adopt replacement amendments to the new 2022 California Building Standards Codes effective January 1, 2023. Digital copies of these 2022 California Building Standards Codes are hereby provided for your reference:

- 1) 2022 California Building Code (<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CABC2022P1>)
- 2) 2022 California Residential Code (<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CARC2022P1>)
- 3) 2022 California Existing Building Code (<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CAEBC2022P1>)
- 4) 2022 California Mechanical Code (<https://epubs.iapmo.org/2022/CMC/index.html>)
- 5) 2022 California Electrical Code (<https://www.nfpa.org/Login>)
- 6) 2022 California Plumbing Code (<https://epubs.iapmo.org/2022/CPC/>)
- 7) 2022 California Green Building Code (<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/CAGBC2022P1>)

In addition, the following is a list of accompanying documents:

- 1) Approval letter from the Building Inspection Commission
- 2) San Francisco Building Code and Residential Code Ordinance, Legislative Digest, Exhibit A Standard Findings, Findings, proposed amendment text (Building)
- 3) San Francisco Existing Building Code Ordinance, Legislative Digest, Exhibit A Standard Findings, Findings, proposed amendment text. (Existing Building)
- 4) San Francisco Electrical Code Ordinance, Legislative Digest, Exhibit A Standard Findings, Findings, proposed amendment text (Electrical)
- 5) San Francisco Mechanical Code Ordinance, Legislative Digest, Exhibit A Standard Findings, Findings, proposed amendment text (Mechanical)
- 6) San Francisco Plumbing Code Ordinance, Legislative Digest, Exhibit A Standard Findings, Findings, proposed amendment text (Plumbing)
- 7) San Francisco Green Building Code Ordinance, Legislative Digest, Exhibit A Standard Findings, Findings, proposed amendment text (Green), Cost effectiveness study.

In order for the San Francisco code amendments to coordinate with the California codes, which have an effective date of January 1, 2023, the timeline for approval and adoption requires that the codes be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on or before September 2, 2022 for introduction and assignment to the Land Use Committee (October 2022). When approved, it is proposed that the Board of Supervisors agenda readings in late October and/or early November, 2022. Upon their approval, the ordinances will be forwarded to the Mayor for signature within 10 days, followed by a 30-day wait period (ending approximately early-mid December, 2022) before filing with the California Building Standards Commission to become effective for an implementation date of January 1, 2023.

The following person may be contacted regarding this matter:

Michelle Yu,  
Technical Services Division  
Department of Building Inspection  
Phone: (628) 652-3710

Attachments: As stated



August 10, 2022  
Building Inspection Commission  
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 500  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Proposed amendments to the 2022 California Building Standards Code, CCR Title 24

Honorable Members of the Commission:

Starting on May 6, 2022 and ending on July 13, 2022, the Code Advisory Committee and associated sub-committees have reviewed and approved all of the 2022 San Francisco amendments to the 2022 California Title 24 Building Standards Code. The Code Advisory Committee recommends the Building Inspection Commission approve 2022 San Francisco amendments as written.

The San Francisco amendments to the 2022 California Building Standards Codes approved and recommended by this Committee are:

1. 2022 San Francisco Building Code (SFBC) Amendments (06/08/22 Meeting)
2. 2022 San Francisco Existing Building Code (SFEBC) Amendments (05/11/22 Meeting)
3. 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code (SFMC) Amendments (05/11/22 Meeting)
4. 2022 San Francisco Electrical Code (SFEC) Amendments (05/11/22 Meeting)
5. 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code (SFPC) Amendments (05/11/22 Meeting)
6. 2022 San Francisco Green Building Code (SFGBC) Amendments (07/13/22 Meeting)

These documents are transmitted to you for your further action and a final approval to send them on to the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please call me at (628) 652-3721 or email [thomas.fessler@sfgov.org](mailto:thomas.fessler@sfgov.org).

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Fessler  
DBI Technical Services Division  
Secretary to the Code Advisory Committee

cc. Patrick O'Riordan, C.B.O., Director  
Neville Pereira, P.E., C.B.O., Deputy Director  
Michelle Yu, Manager  
Stephen Harris, S.E., Chair, Code Advisory Committee  
Ray Law, Legislative Affairs

Attach: Proposed Draft SFBC, SFEBC, SFMC, SFEC, SFPC, SFGBC



**BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION (BIC)**

**Department of Building Inspection**

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August 26, 2022

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**RE: Code amendments to the 2022 California Building Standards Code, including the Building, Existing Building, Residential, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, and Green Building Codes and recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.**

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On August 17, 2022 the Building Inspection Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Code amendments referenced above.

The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the amendments.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

|                            |     |                      |         |
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| President Bito             | Yes | Vice-President Tam   | Yes     |
| Commissioner Sommer        | Yes | Commissioner Neumann | Excused |
| Commissioner Alexander-Tut | Yes |                      |         |

Enclosed please find the Code Advisory Committee’s recommendation to the Building Inspection Commission. Under separate cover, copies of the proposed amendments will follow from the Technical Services Division of the Department of Building Inspection.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (628) 652-3510.

Sincerely,

Sonya Harris  
Commission Secretary

cc: Patrick O’Riordan, C.B.O., Director  
Mayor London N. Breed  
Supervisor Shamann Walton  
Supervisor Connie Chan  
Supervisor Matt Dorsey  
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman  
Supervisor Gordon Mar  
Supervisor Myrna Melgar  
Supervisor Aaron Peskin  
Supervisor Dean Preston  
Supervisor Hillary Ronen  
Supervisor Ahsha Safai  
Supervisor Catherine Stefani  
Deputy City Attorney Robb Kapla  
Deputy City Attorney Peter Miljanich

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **STANDARD FINDINGS FOR SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING STANDARDS CODE AMENDMENTS:**

1. Certain buildings/occupancies in San Francisco are at increased risk for earthquake-induced failure and consequent fire due to local hazardous micro zones, slide areas, and local liquefaction hazards. (Geology)
2. Certain buildings/occupancies in San Francisco are at increased risk of fire due to high density of buildings on very small lots, with many buildings built up to the property lines. (Topography)
3. Topography of San Francisco has led to development of a high density of buildings on small lots, necessitating special provisions for exiting, fire separation, or fire-resistive construction. (Topography)
4. Many buildings are built on steep hills and narrow streets, requiring special safety consideration. (Topography)
5. Additional fire, structural and other protection is required due to high building density and crowded occupancy. (Topography)
6. San Francisco has narrow, crowded sidewalks due to building and population density and unusual topography. (Topography)
7. All rain water in San Francisco drains to the building drains and sewer; unusual geology, occasional extremely high local rainfall amounts, and the configuration of the City as a peninsula restrict the installation of separate storm water and sewer systems. (Topography, Climate, Geology)
8. Moist, corrosive atmosphere of salt-laden fog in San Francisco necessitates additional requirements. (Climate)
9. Not a building standard; no local findings required.
10. Soil conditions in this region induce adverse reactions with some materials, leading to premature failures and subsequent unsanitary conditions. (Climate)
11. The region is subject to fluctuating rainfall due to changes in climatic conditions. (Climate)
12. San Francisco is a peninsula surrounded on three sides by water at sea level; mitigation of climate change impacts, including sea level rise, is critical to the

- long term protection of the local built environment and local infrastructure.  
(Topography)
13. Climate and potential climate change impacts San Francisco's water resources, including reservoirs and distribution facilities. (Climate)
  14. Organic material in San Francisco's waste breaks down into methane gas which is a significant contributor to climate change. (Climate)
  15. San Francisco is topographically constrained and its built environment occupies most available land, requiring minimization of debris and solid waste.  
(Topography)
  16. Prevailing winds, coastal mountain ranges, and periodic seasonal high temperatures contribute to photochemical reactions that produce smog and ozone; limiting the emission of smog's chemical precursors - volatile organic chemicals and oxides of nitrogen - is necessary to health and safety. (Climate, Topography)
  17. The aquifers underlying San Francisco are small relative to local population, necessitating ongoing water imports and special provisions to ensure efficient use of water in local buildings. (Geology)

## 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code Findings

| Section #        | Finding # | Section # | Finding # |
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| <b>CHAPTER 1</b> |           |           |           |
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| 606.3.1          | 4, 9             | <b>CHAPTER 8<br/>No San Francisco Amendments</b> |                  |
| 606.5            | 4                | <b>CHAPTER 9</b>                                 |                  |
| 609.11.2         | 4                | 901.1  | 5,7              |
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**2022**  
**San Francisco Plumbing Code**

**Amendments to the**  
**2022 California Plumbing Code, Title 24, Part 5**

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# PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO PLUMBING CODE AMENDMENTS

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# Chapter 1 ADMINISTRATION

## Division I CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATION

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments*

## Division II ADMINISTRATION

### SECTION 101.0 – GENERAL

*101.1 Revise this section as follows:*

**101.1 Title.** This document shall be known as the “[ ← ] ~~2019~~ 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code,” may be cited as such, and will be referred to herein as “this code.”

### SECTION 103.0 – DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION

*103.1 Replace the third paragraph with the followings:<sup>1</sup>*

The Authority Having Jurisdiction, when necessary, may call upon the Police Department and other City and County of San Francisco agencies for aid or assistance in carrying out or enforcing any of the provisions of this code.

*103.4 Revise the first paragraph of this section as follows:*

**103.4 Right of Entry.** Where it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the provisions of this code or other codes or ordinances, or where the Authority Having Jurisdiction has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in a building or upon premises a condition or violation of this code or other codes or ordinances that makes the building or premises unsafe, insanitary, dangerous or hazardous, the Authority Having Jurisdiction shall be permitted to enter the building or premises at reasonable times to inspect or to perform the duties imposed upon the Authority Having Jurisdiction by this code or other codes or ordinances, provided that where such building or premises is occupied, the Authority Having Jurisdiction shall present credentials to the occupant and request entry. Where such building or premises is unoccupied, the Authority Having Jurisdiction shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other person

having charge or control of the building or premises and request entry. Where entry is refused, the Authority Having Jurisdiction has recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry.

*103.5 Add the following section:*

**103.5 Rules and Regulations.** The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall have the power to render interpretations of this code and to adopt and enforce rules and supplemental regulations to clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, rules and regulations shall be in conformance with the intent and purpose of this code. Such rules and regulations, commonly referred to as “Code Rulings” and “Administrative Bulletins” supplemental to this code, shall not take effect until approved by the Building Inspection Commission and signed by the Authority Having Jurisdiction except in unusual circumstances where the Authority Having Jurisdiction has determined that there is an immediate need to protect the public health and safety. When the Authority Having Jurisdiction finds that such circumstances exist, the Authority Having Jurisdiction may order immediate enforcement of a particular rule or regulation. The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall arrange for a subscription service to such rules and regulations, the entire cost of which is to be borne by the subscribers.

*103.6 Add the following section:*

**103.6 Code Revisions.** The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall transmit to the Building Inspection Commission, at intervals not exceeding three years, recommendations for changes to this code, based on studies of the following:

1. Requests of the Board of Examiners for variances from this code, and for approvals of alternate materials, alternate designs and methods of construction.
2. Code changes recommended by the Board of Examiners.
3. Code changes recommended by the Code Advisory Committee or other bodies subordinate to the Building Inspection Commission.
4. Results obtained and problems encountered in legal actions taken to correct code violations.
5. Changes or improvements in materials, methods of construction or design, and changes proposed by interested persons.
6. Investigations of fire and structural damage to buildings, and of determination of unsatisfactory building performance.
7. Periodic changes to the California Plumbing Code and other State regulations which may affect this code.
8. Administrative Bulletins and Code Rulings currently in effect.
9. Violations of the code found on inspections or investigations.

*103.7 Add the following section:*

**103.7 Modifications.** When there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the Authority Having Jurisdiction may grant modifications for individual cases. The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall first find that a special individual reason makes the strict letter of this code impractical and that the modification is in conformance with the intent and purpose of this code and that such modification does not lessen the standard of this code to safeguard life or limb, health, property, or public welfare. The details of any action

granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the files of the Department of Building Inspection.

## **SECTION 104.0 – PERMITS**

*104.1 Add the following as the second paragraph of this section:*

Emergency work for the protection of life or limb, health, property and public welfare shall have a permit obtained within one day of commencing such work, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

*104.1.1 Add the following section:*

**104.1.1 Homeowner’s Permit.** A permit for plumbing work in, on or about a single-family dwelling may be issued by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, provided said work is done by the owner or a family member who has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the administrative authority, his or her qualifications to satisfactorily perform the plumbing work in the dwelling which is, or is intended to be, occupied by the owner. If the plumbing work performed under the homeowner’s permit does not comply with the requirements of this code and if the corrections are not made as required by the Department of Building Inspection, then the work shall be corrected by a State-licensed plumbing contractor under a separate permit.

Such State-licensed plumbing contractor shall be required to pay only the permit issuance fee as set forth in Section 110A, Table 1A-C - Plumbing/Mechanical Permit Issuance and Inspection Fees - of the Building Code. If additional inspection is required, the appropriate fees as set forth in Section 110A, Table 1A-C - Plumbing/ Mechanical Permit Issuance and Inspection Fees and Table 1A-G - Inspection, Surveys and Reports - of the Building Code shall apply.

*104.1.2 Add the following section:*

**104.1.2 Amending Applications.** After a permit has been issued and an inspection of the work has been made, the scope of the permit may be altered by filing an amended permit application and paying fees for any additional work as set forth in Table 1A-C - Plumbing/ Mechanical Permit Issuance and Inspection Fees and Table 1A-G - Inspections, Survey, and Reports of Section 110A of the Building Code.

*104.2 Replace Section 104.2(1) and the first paragraph of Section 104.2(2) as follows:*

**104.2 Exempt Work.** A permit shall not be required for the following: [ ← ]

- (1) Repair of leaks not requiring cutting into or removing piping.
- (2) Unstopping of traps, sewers, vents or waste pipes not requiring cutting into or removal of traps or piping.
- (3) Replacement, repair or maintenance of faucets, angle stops, hose bibbs or roof drain not requiring cutting into or removal of piping.
- (4) Replacement of toilets except in structures with alternate water piping.
- (5) Replacement of furnace filters.
- (6) Removal of drainage, water or gas piping from a building when the water supply, gas and drainage lines have been disconnected in an approved manner under a permit.

(7) Work involved in setting up for display of plumbing fixtures or appliances, when not connected to any supply or drainage lines, in a sales establishment.

(8) Replacement of water conservation devices not requiring cutting into or removal of piping.

(9) Work performed in buildings or structures owned and occupied by the State and Federal governments.

*104.3 Replace this section as follows:*

**104.3 Application for Permit.** [ ← ] Permit applicants shall file with the Department of Building Inspection an application on a form furnished for that purpose.

A permit for inspection of the proposed plumbing work set forth in the application will be issued to State-licensed contractors or to homeowners subject to the requirements of Section 104.1.1. A separate permit shall be obtained for each separate building, structure or property.

*104.3.2 Replace this section as follows:*

**104.3.2** [ ← ] **Inspections Not Covered by Permit Fees.**

**104.3.2.1 Off Hours of Inspection.** Off-hour inspection may be performed outside normal inspection hours by prior arrangement and prepayment of fees as set forth in Section 110A , Table 1A-G - Inspections, Surveys and Reports - of the Building Code.

**104.3.2.2 Reinspections.** A reinspection fee shall be assessed for each inspection or reinspection made necessary by any of the following conditions:

- (1) When the portion of the work for which the inspection is requested is not complete or code complying.
- (2) When previously identified deficiencies in the work are not properly corrected.
- (3) When the approved construction documents are not available to the inspector.
- (4) When access is not provided on the date and time of the inspection appointment.
- (5) When work deviates from the approved construction documents.

The first reinspection for failure to comply with code requirements shall not be assessed a reinspection fee. All subsequent reinspections for the same or subsequent errors or omissions shall be charged a reinspection fee.

Subsequent to inspector determination of reinspection fee requirements, no required or requested inspections shall be made nor shall the job be given a certificate of final completion and occupancy or final approval until the required reinspection fees are paid. See Section 110A, Table 1A-G - Inspections, Surveys and Reports - of the Building Code for applicable fees.

**104.3.2.3 Survey.** A plumbing survey may be requested when a plumbing inspector's assistance is desired to establish code compliance of existing or proposed plumbing system requirements. See Section 110A , Table 1A-G - Inspections, Survey and Reports - of the Building Code for applicable fees.

*104.4 Add a new second paragraph to this section as follows:*

An issued permit entitles the permittee to proceed with the work described therein. The issuance of a permit does not constitute approval of any work done under that permit. Permits shall not be transferable.



*104.4.3 Replace this section as follows:*

**104.4.3 Permit Expiration.** [ ← ] Plumbing permits expire per Section 106A.4.4 of the San Francisco Building Code. Permit fees may be partially refunded if a written cancellation request is made to the Building Official prior to commencement of the permitted work and within 90 days of the date of permit issuance. See Section 110A , Table 1A-R - Refunds - of the Building Code for refunds.

*~~104.4.3.1~~ 104.4.3.2 Add the following section:*

**104.4.3.1 104.4.3.2 Commencement of Work on Permit Expired Due to Work Not Started.**

A new permit shall be obtained to undertake the work described on an expired permit on which no work was performed. If not more than one year has elapsed since the expiration of the original permit, the applicant is eligible for reduced fees. See Section 110A , Table 1A-B - Other Building Permit and Plan Review Fees - of the Building Code for applicable fees.

If a refund has been granted per Section 104.4.3, the applicant shall not be eligible for the reduced fees as set forth in Section 110A, Table 1A-B - Other Building Permit and Plan Review Fees - of the Building Code.

*104.4.3.2 104.4.3.3 Add the following section:*

**104.4.3.2 104.4.3.3 Recommencement of Work on Permit Expired Due to Work Not**

**Completed.** The applicant shall obtain a new permit for the work not completed. The permit fee shall be based on work remaining to be done. Fees shall be as set forth in Section 110A , Table 1A-C - Plumbing/Mechanical Permit Issuance and Inspection Fees - of the Building Code.

*104.5 Replace this section as follows:*

**104.5 Permit Fees.** [ ← ] Before any permit is issued, the applicant shall pay to the Central Permit Bureau the fees as set forth in Section 110A, Table 1A-C - Plumbing/ Mechanical Permit Issuance and Inspection Fees - of the Building Code. The replacement of a plumbing fixture or a gas appliance without a change in drainage, piping or venting shall not require the payment of permit issuance fee. A separate permit issuance fee shall be paid for each class of work, i.e., sewers and drainage, gas and water.

Final inspection will not be made unless all outstanding fees related to the permit work have been paid.

*104.5.2 Revise this section as follows:*

**104.5.2 Investigation Fees.** An investigation fee, in addition to the permit fee, shall be collected whether or not a permit is then or subsequently issued. [ ← ] See Section 110A, Table 1A-C - Plumbing/Mechanical Permit Issuance and Inspection Fees, and Table 1A-K - Penalties, Hearings, Code Enforcement Assessments - of the Building Code for applicable fees. The payment of such investigation fee shall not exempt a person from compliance with other provisions of this code, nor from a penalty prescribed by law.

The Director may reduce the investigation fee to two times the amount of the permit fee as called for in Section 110A, Table 1A-C - Plumbing/Mechanical Permit Issuance and Inspection Fees - of the Building Code for work that was constructed prior to the current building ownership

or for work without permit which was done prior to January 1, 1967, if the owner files with the Director a notarized affidavit together with documents substantiating such dates of work.

Appeals of investigation fees may be filed with the Board of Appeals in the manner provided in Section 8 *et seq.* of the Business & Tax Regulations Code. Such filing shall be subject to the fees and rules of the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals, in reviewing the appeal, may reduce the appealed amount to not less than two times the permit fee as set forth in Section 110A, Table 1A-C - Plumbing/ Mechanical Permit Issuance and Inspection Fees - of the Building Code.

*104.5.3 Replace this section as follows:*

**104.5.3 Fee Refunds.** [ ← ] For fee refunds, see Section 107A.6 of the Building Code.

## **SECTION 105.0 – INSPECTIONS AND TESTING**

*105.2.6 Revise the fourth paragraph as follows:*

To obtain reinspection, the applicant shall file an application therefore in writing upon a form furnished for that purpose and pay the reinspection fee in accordance with [ ← ] Section 110A, Table 1A-G - Inspections, Surveys and Reports - of the Building Code.

## **SECTION 106.0 – VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

*106.3 Replace this section as follows:*

**106.3 Penalties.** [ ← ] Any person, the owner or the owner’s authorized agent, who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with, or resists or opposes the execution of any of the provisions of this code, shall be liable for a civil penalty, not to exceed \$500 for each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue, which penalty shall be assessed and recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the people of the City and County of San Francisco by the City Attorney in any court of competent jurisdiction. Any penalty assessed and recovered in an action brought pursuant to this paragraph shall be paid to the City Treasurer and credited to the Department of Building Inspection’s Special Fund.

Any person, the owner or the owner’s authorized agent, who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with, or who resists or opposes the execution of any of the provisions of this code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, unless otherwise provided in this code, and shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for every day such violation, disobedience, omission, neglect or refusal shall continue. Any person who shall do any work in violation of any of the provisions of this code, and any person having charge of such work who shall permit it to be done, shall be liable for the penalty provided.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the posting of any notice provided for in this code or to tear down or mutilate any such notice posted by the Department of Building Inspection.

106.5 Revise this section as follows:

**106.5 Authority to Disconnect Utilities in Emergencies.** The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall have the authority to disconnect a plumbing system to a building, structure or equipment regulated by this code in case of emergency where necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to life or property. For notification procedures, see Section 102A.16 of the Building Code.

## **SECTION 107.0 – BOARD OF APPEALS**

107.0 Replace this title and the entire section as follows:

**← 107.0 Board of Examiners.** Application may be made to the Board of Examiners for approval of alternate materials, methods and types of construction and for variances from the provisions of this code. See Building Code, Section 105A.1.

108.0 Add the following section:

## **SECTION 108.0 – ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE**

**108.0 Abatement of Public Nuisance.** In order to abate a nuisance as defined in Section 216.0 of this code, the inspection and abatement procedures as set forth in Section 102A of the Building Code, including, but not limited to, Section 102A.3 through 102A.8, shall apply.

109.0 Add the following section:

## **SECTION 109.0 – REPAIRS TO DEFECTIVE BUILDING SEWERS**

109.0 Repairs to Defective Building Sewers

**109.1 General.** Any defective building sewer found to be a nuisance or hazardous to the public shall be repaired at the owner's expense by a licensed plumbing contractor in accordance with this code. In the event the owner fails to repair the defective building sewer after written notice has been sent the owner by the Authority Having Jurisdiction, the Authority Having Jurisdiction shall abate the condition in accordance with Section 102A of the Building Code.

**109.2 Cost of Repairs by City and County of San Francisco.** Whenever the Authority Having Jurisdiction, pursuant to the authority conferred by this code and the Building Code, shall cause a building sewer to be repaired or replaced, the cost thereof shall be paid from the "Plumbing Building Sewer Revolving Fund" and assessed against the property served by said building sewer.

**109.3 Plumbing Building Sewer Revolving Fund.** A special revolving fund, to be known as the "Plumbing Building Sewer Revolving Fund," is hereby created for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses which may be incurred by the Department of Building Inspection in carrying out the authority conferred by this code to repair or replace defective building sewers.

The Board of Supervisors shall transfer one-half of the funds appropriated to the "Side Sewer Repair" fund of the Department of Building Inspection or shall appropriate, establish or increase

the special revolving fund with such funds as it may deem necessary in order to expedite performance of the work of repairing or replacing defective building sewers. The special revolving fund shall be replenished with all funds collected under the proceeding hereinafter provided for, either upon voluntary payments or as a result of the sale of the property after delinquency, or otherwise. Balances remaining in the Plumbing Building Sewer Revolving Fund at the close of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in such fund.

**109.4 Assessment for Costs.** The Authority Having Jurisdiction shall take action to have the costs of all work done or caused to be done pursuant to this Section 109.0 assessed against the parcel or parcels of land upon which said building is served by the building sewer per Section 102A of the Building Code. Such costs shall include, in addition to all costs related to repairing or replacing the building sewer or demolishing and clearing the site, the City and County of San Francisco's costs in administering the required work. See Section 110A, Table 1A-K - Penalties, Hearings, Code Enforcement Assessments - of the Building Code for the applicable fee.

## Chapter 2 DEFINITIONS

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### SECTION 201.0 – GENERAL

*201.1 Add the following to the end of the first sentence:*

Where words, terms and phrases are not defined, they shall have their ordinary accepted meaning within the context with which they are used.

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### SECTION 204.0 – B

*204.0 Add the following definition:*

**Boiler.** A closed vessel used for heating water or liquid, or for generating steam or vapor by direct application of heat from combustible fuels or electricity.

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### SECTION 208.0 – F

*208.0 Add the following definition:*

**Foot Vent** - See "Relief Vent," Section 220.0.

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### SECTION 216.0 – N

*216.0 Add the following items after Item (3) under definition of "Nuisance":*

- (4) Open, unsecured, leaking, plugged or otherwise defective sewer, gas or water lines.
- (5) Inadequate plumbing system maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or damage.
- (6) Plumbing or plumbing fixtures, gas appliances or piping installed in violation of this code or without permit.

(7) Where a change in occupancy classification is made without complying with the applicable provisions of this code and the Building Code.

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## SECTION 218.0 – P

218.0 *Revise this definition as follows:*

**Plumbing System.** Includes all potable water, alternate water sources, building supply, and distribution pipes; all plumbing fixtures and traps; all drainage and vent pipes; and all building drains and building sewers, including their respective joints and connections, devices, receptors, and appurtenances within the property lines of the premises and shall include potable water piping, potable water treating or using equipment, medical gas and medical vacuum systems, liquid and fuel gas piping, and water heaters and vents for same, and fire sprinkler systems. Plumbing systems shall include all plumbing appliances, plumbing appurtenances and plumbing fixtures.

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## SECTION 221.0 – S

221.0 *Add the following definition:*

**Story.** That portion of a building included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above. For the purposes of this code, balcony, loft and mezzanine levels that contain plumbing outlets are also to be considered as stories.

# Chapter 3

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

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## SECTION 313.0 – HANGERS AND SUPPORTS

313.9 *Add the following section:*

**313.9 Materials.**

**313.9.1** Plumber's tape hanger iron may be used to secure pipe not greater than 2 inches (50.8 mm) in diameter.

**313.9.2** Hanger iron shall be galvanized and not thinner than 22 gauge, 1/32-inch thick (0.8 mm) and 3/4-inch (19.05 mm) wide, securely nailed or screwed to the structure. When the strap-iron is formed around the pipe, it shall be secured with a 1/4-inch (6.35 mm) stove bolt.

# Chapter 4

## PLUMBING FIXTURES AND FIXTURE FITTINGS

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## SECTION 405 – PROHIBITED FIXTURES

405.0 Add the following section:

**405.4 Watercloset-Sink Combinations.** Watercloset-Sink combinations are not allowed in structures with treated alternate water piping.

## SECTION 415.0 – DRINKING FOUNTAINS

415.2 Add the following section:

**415.2.1 Drink Tap Stations.** New construction that provides one or more drinking fountains shall provide a Drink Tap Station per San Francisco Environment Code Section 2304.

## Chapter 5 WATER HEATERS

### SECTION 504.0 – WATER HEATER REQUIREMENTS

504.1 Add the following as the first paragraph of this section:

**504.1 Location.** Water Heaters mounted on the exterior of a building and located 7' or more above the floor or grade shall be provided with a permanent platform capable of supporting a tester or maintenance person.

## Chapter 6 WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

### SECTION 603.0 – CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL

603.1 Add a third paragraph to this section as follows:

Structures with alternate water piping shall have a Reduced-Pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assembly installed on the domestic supply as close as practical to the meter.

603.2 Revise Table 603.2 as follows:

Add a footnote for the Applicable Standards heading that states:

All backflow prevention assemblies or devices that are testable must have passed laboratory and field evaluation tests performed by a recognized testing organization.

Revise the tenth entry in the Table to read as follows:

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| Backflow preventer for Carbonated Beverage Dispensers (two | ASSE 1022 | X | - | X | - | Installation includes carbonated beverage machines or dispensers. These devices operate under intermittent or continuous pressure |
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|   |  |  |  |  |
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| independent check valves with a vent to the atmosphere) |  |  |  | conditions. This device is only permitted in systems with no upstream copper pipe. Otherwise, a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly is required. |
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(Added by Ord. [30-20](#), File No. 180969, App. 2/21/2020, Eff. 3/23/2020)

(Amendment to Section 603.3 deleted by Ord. [30-20](#), File No. 180969, App. 2/21/2020, Eff. 3/23/2020)

*603.5.6.4 Add the following section:*

**603.5.6.4 Approval.** All such installations shall be approved in writing by the San Francisco Water Department prior to installation.

*603.5.12 Revise ~~Section 603.5.12~~ as follows:*

**603 .5.12 Beverage Dispensers.** Potable water supply to beverage dispensers, carbonated beverage dispensers, or coffee machines shall be protected by an air gap, a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly, or a vented backflow preventer that complies with ASSE 1022, except that a vented backflow preventer may not be used to protect carbonated beverage dispensers in systems with upstream copper pipe. For carbonated beverage dispensers, piping material installed downstream of the backflow preventer shall not be affected by carbon dioxide gas.

(Added by Ord. [30-20](#), File No. 180969, App. 2/21/2020, Eff. 3/23/2020)

*603.5.22 Add ~~Section 603.5.22~~ as follows the following section:*

**603 .5.22 Industrial Water Chillers.** Potable water connections to closed-loop industrial water chillers shall be protected from backflow by a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention assembly in accordance with Table 603.2.

(Added by Ord. [30-20](#), File No. 180969, App. 2/21/2020, Eff. 3/23/2020)

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## **SECTION 604.0 – MATERIALS**

*604.1 Add the following sentence to the end of the second paragraph:*

Connections between copper water piping and ferrous materials shall be made with dielectric or insulated fittings or brass nipples of 6 inches (152.4 mm) minimum length.

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## **SECTION 606.0 – VALVES**

*606.2 Revise this section as follows:*

**606.2 Fullway Valve.** A fullway valve controlling outlets shall be installed on the discharge side of each water meter and each unmetered water supply as near as possible to the point after where the water supply enters the building and before the first fitting or branch line. Water piping



supplying more than one building on one premise shall be equipped with a separate fullway valve to each building, so arranged that the water supply can be turned on or off to any individual or separate building provided; however, that supply piping to a single-family residence and building accessory thereto shall be permitted to be controlled by one valve. Such shutoff valves shall be accessible. A fullway valve shall be installed on the discharge piping from water supply tanks at or near the tank. A fullway valve shall be installed on the cold water supply pipe to each water heater at or near the water heater. In cases where one water heater or boiler supplies hot water to multiple units additional fullway valves will be installed so that the hot water supplies to any apartment / unit / dwelling or condominium can be shut off without interrupting the hot water supply to any other apartment / unit / dwelling or condominium. These valves shall be accessible in the dwelling unit they control or other common area within the building.

*606.3 Revise this section as follows:*

**606.3 Multidwelling Units.** In multidwelling units, one or more shutoff valves shall be provided in each dwelling unit so that the hot and cold water [ ← ] supplies to [ ← ] any apartment / unit / dwelling or condominium can be shut off without [ ← ] interrupting the water supply to [ ← ] another apartment / unit / dwelling or condominium. These valves shall be accessible in the dwelling unit they control or other common area within the building.

*606.3.1 Add the following section:*

**606.3.1** Any apartment / unit / dwelling or condominium where a remodel is performed shall meet the requirements of sections 606.2, 606.3 and 606.5.

*606.5 Revise this section as follows:*

**606.5 Control Valve.** A control valve shall be installed immediately ahead of each plumbing fixture hot and cold water supply and water supplied appliances [ ← ] to permit servicing and replacement of individual fixtures.

*606.9 606.11 Add the following section:*

**606.9 606.11 Backflow Assembly.** All buildings four stories or more in height or water supply greater than 40 feet above the water meter shall have an approved backflow assembly installed as near as possible to the water meter and before the first fitting or branch line. The backflow assembly installed shall be in accordance to the degree of hazard within the building, but in no case less than an approved double check assembly. See Table 603.2.

## **SECTION 609.0 – INSTALLATION, TESTING, UNIONS AND LOCATION**

*609.10.2 609.11.2 Add the following section:*

**609.10.2 609.11.2 Air Chambers.** Air chambers shall be installed on all hot and cold water outlets supplying quick-acting valves to provide water hammer relief. The size of each air chamber shall be 24 times the diameter of the fixture supply.



~~609.10.3~~ ~~609.11.3~~ Add the following section:

**609.10.3 609.11.3 Quick-Acting Valves.** The following valves shall be considered quick-acting: flushometers, single-handle faucets, single-handle tub and tub/shower combination control valves, single-handle shower control valves, rapid response electric solenoid valves (such as used on ice-makers, clothes washers, etc.) and any other appliance or fixture that dispenses water in a quick open and close method in its operation.

## Chapter 7 SANITARY DRAINAGE

### Part I – DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

#### SECTION 701.0 – GENERAL

701.2(2)(a) Revise this section as follows:

**701.2(2)(a)** [ ← ] ABS and PVC installations are limited to not more than two stories of areas of commercial or private residential accommodations.

701.2(3) Revise this section as follows:

**701.2(3)** No vitrified clay pipe or fittings shall be used aboveground or where pressurized by a pump or ejector or underground within the foundation line of the building. They shall be kept not less than 12 inches (305 mm) belowground.

701.2(7) Add the following section:

**701.2(7)** Copper tubing shall not be used for urinal drainage or applications which are detrimental to the integrity of copper tubing.

#### SECTION 706.0 – CHANGES IN DIRECTION OF DRAINAGE FLOW

706.4 Revise this section as follows:

**706.4 Vertical to Horizontal.** Vertical drainage lines connecting with horizontal drainage lines shall enter through 45 degree (0.79 rad) wye branches, combination wye and one-eighth bend branches, or other approved fittings of equivalent sweep. Branches or offsets of 60 degrees (1.05 rad) shall be permitted to be used where installed in a true vertical position. In buildings more than three stories in height, any fixture within 10 feet (304 mm) of the connection of the vertical to horizontal change shall enter the horizontal drainage line at least 10 feet (304 mm) downstream from the change or may connect into the next vertical downstream line.

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## **SECTION 710.0 – DRAINAGE OF FIXTURES LOCATED BELOW THE NEXT UPSTREAM MANHOLE OR BELOW THE MAIN SEWER LEVEL**

*710.1.1 Add the following section:*

**710.1.1 Drainage of Fixtures Located Below the Fresh Air Inlet.** Where a fixture is installed with the flood rim level equal to or lower than the elevation of the fresh air inlet serving the house trap, the piping serving the fixture shall be protected by installing an approved type of backwater valve. Where a fixture is installed with the flood rim level higher than the elevation of the fresh air inlet serving the house trap, the fixture shall not discharge through such backwater valve.

## **Chapter 8 INDIRECT WASTES**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

## **Chapter 9 VENTS**

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## **SECTION 901.0 – GENERAL**

*901.1 Add the following second paragraph to this section:*

No mechanical device shall be installed in any venting system. Such venting system shall remain unobstructed to an approved termination.

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## **SECTION 907.0 – VENT STACKS AND RELIEF VENTS**

*907.1 Revise the first sentence of this section as follows:*

**907.1 Drainage Stack.** Each drainage stack that extends [ ← ] six (6) or more stories shall be served by a parallel vent stack, which shall extend undiminished in size from its upper terminal and connect to the drainage stack at or immediately below the lowest fixture drain.

*907.3 Add the following section:*

**907.3 Vent Stacks and Relief Vents.** Every building in which plumbing is installed shall have at least one main stack which shall run undiminished in size and as directly as possible from each building drain serving said building through to the open air above the roof.

For the purposes of this section, the main stack shall be defined as the largest size stack that is connected to a building drain or sewer.

A vent stack shall be installed with a soil or waste stack whenever relief vents or other branch vents are required in two or more branch intervals. A vent stack shall be installed in accordance with Section 706.1.

The size of the soil stack shall be determined by the total fixture units on that stack as per Table 703.2.

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## SECTION 911.0 – CIRCUIT VENTING

*911.0 Revise this section as follows:*

**911.0 Circuit Venting.** Circuit venting is not permitted unless it is approved as an alternative engineered design in accordance with Section 301.5 of this Code.

## Chapter 10 TRAPS AND INTERCEPTORS

*1001.3 Add the following section:*

**1001.3 Placement and Minimum Size of Building Traps.** The building sewer or building drain shall have a building trap placed as near as possible to the curb line or immediately inside any subsidewalk basement wall under the sidewalk. Trap size shall be a minimum of 4 inches (101.6 mm).

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## SECTION 1008.0 – BUILDING TRAPS

*1008.1 Revise this section as follows:*

**1008.1 General.** Building traps shall not be installed except where required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Each building trap where installed shall be provided with a cleanout and with a relieving vent or fresh-air intake on the inlet side of the trap. [ ← ] Such trap shall have a fresh air inlet of not less than 4 inch (101.6 mm) diameter pipe. The inlet shall be covered by an approved perforated plate not less than 16 square inches (10,323mm<sup>2</sup>).<sup>1</sup> Perforations shall be not more than 3/8 inch (9.6 mm) diameter and provide an aggregate open area of not less than one-half the cross-sectional area of the sewer trap. The air inlet shall be connected to the building side of the trap and shall lead to the open air, terminating at a point not less than 10 feet (3.05 m) from any window or door.

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## SECTION 1016.0 – SAND INTERCEPTORS

*1016.3 Add the following section:*

**1016.3.1** When drains are provided for planter boxes, such drains shall enter into the sanitary or storm drainage plumbing system by discharging into an approved sump, receiving tank or sand settling tank. No trap shall be installed between the planter box and any approved receptor. Sizes of drains shall conform to Table 703.2.

Catch basins or sumps to drain surface water or collect subsoil drainage shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) The catch basin or sump shall be poured in place, and all sides and bottom shall be watertight.
- (2) A removable metal grill approved for applied design loads shall be placed on top with a screen to prevent mosquito breeding.
- (3) Each catch basin shall be served with its own trap and cleanout, and shall connect to the storm or sanitary system independently.
- (4) If inlet is located below the building sewer or drain, a sump pump minimum of 1-1/2" (38.1 mm) outlet may be used. The bottom of sump shall maintain a 1' - 0" (304.8 mm) distance from the inlet, creating a 1' - 0" (304.8 mm) sand trap.
- (5) If the depth of the sump is over 5' - 0" (1.52 m) a larger catch basin shall be required with a permanent ladder securely bolted to the interior to provide access for maintenance. A minimum clear space of 30" × 30" (762 mm × 762 mm) shall be provided.
- (6) A listed and approved plastic catch basin may be installed in areas of residential buildings that are not subjected to any vehicular traffic and shall be installed on a concrete base to prevent settling, provided all other code requirements of this section and the listing and installation requirements of such catch basin are met.

## **Chapter 11**

# **STORM DRAINAGE**

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### **SECTION 1101.0 – GENERAL**

*1101.2.1 Add the following section:*

**1101.2.1 Leaders, Connection to Drain.** All storm water or casual water from roof areas, balconies, lightwells, courtyards or similar areas which total more than 200 square feet (18.4 square meters) aggregate shall drain or be conveyed directly to the building drain, or building sewer, or to an approved alternate location based on approved geotechnical and engineering designs. Such drainage shall not be directed to flow onto adjacent property or over public way, including sidewalks. The opening of the leader shall meet the same requirements as Section 1103.0 of the California Plumbing Code.

*1101.2.2 Add the following section:*

**1101.2.2 Temporary Provisions.** When the stormwater sewer is not yet installed, the building stormwater drainage system may discharge into the sewer on the street side of the main trap as near to the curbline as possible.

*1101.2.3 Add the following section:*

**1101.2.3 Temporary Provisions Drain Trap.** When, under the provisions of Section 1101.2.2 the building stormwater drainage system discharges to the sewer, a trap shall be placed in that drain at a point near where it branches into the sewer. The trap shall be supplied with clean water by an approved means such as a hose bibb or trap primer.

## **Chapter 12**

### **FUEL GAS PIPING**

#### **SECTION 1208.0 – GAS PIPING SYSTEM DESIGN, MATERIALS, AND COMPONENTS**

*1208.5.1 Add a second paragraph as follows:*

Gas piping in exterior locations, except as otherwise regulated by this code, shall be of galvanized iron or steel, with galvanized fittings.

## **Chapter 13**

### **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND MEDICAL GAS AND VACUUM SYSTEMS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

## **Chapter 14**

### **FIRESTOP PROTECTION**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

## **Chapter 15**

### **ALTERNATE WATER SOURCES FOR NONPOTABLE APPLICATIONS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

## **Chapter 16**

### **NONPOTABLE RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

## **Chapter 17**

### **REFERENCED STANDARDS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix A**  
**RECOMMENDED RULES FOR SIZING THE WATER  
SUPPLY SYSTEM**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix B**  
**EXPLANATORY NOTES ON COMBINATION WASTE  
AND VENT SYSTEMS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix C**  
**ALTERNATE PLUMBING SYSTEMS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix D**  
**SIZING STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix E**  
**MANUFACTURED MOBILE HOME PARKS AND  
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix F**  
**FIREFIGHTER BREATHING AIR REPLENISHMENT  
SYSTEMS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix G**  
**SIZING OF VENTING SYSTEMS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix H**  
**PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix I**  
**INSTALLATION STANDARD**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix J**  
**COMBINATION OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR  
COMBUSTION AND VENTILATION OPENING DESIGN**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix K**  
**POTABLE RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix L**  
**SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix M**  
**PEAK WATER DEMAND CALCULATOR**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*

**Appendix N**  
**IMPACT OF WATER TEMPERATURE ON THE**  
**POTENTIAL FOR SCALDING AND LEGIONELLA**  
**GROWTH**

*No San Francisco Plumbing Code Amendments.*



**Proposed 2022 San Francisco Building / Existing Building /  
Mechanical/ Electrical / Plumbing/ Green Building Amendments**  
*Notable Changes List and Summary*

| <b>PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING CODE<br/>AMENDMENTS 2022 Edition</b> |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Section No.</b>  | <b>Commands/Findings:</b>                                   |
| 101A.1  | Correct code year   |
| 101A.3.1  | Correct parts to title 24                                   |
| 101A.4  | Add title where there was none                              |
| 102A.7  | grammar   |
| 106A.1.13   | Correct numbering   |
| 106A.1.14.2   | Correct reference number                                    |
| 106A.1.15.2   | Correct reference number                                    |
| 106A.3.2  | Align with current practice                                 |
| 106A.3.3  | Correct reference section numbering                         |
| 106A.4.1.4.4  | Remove redundant word                                       |
| 106A.4.13   | Align with current practice                                 |
| 107A.13.7   | Correct abbreviation  |
| 202   | Rename definition for applicability of definition           |
| 406.3   | Remove redundant language now in CBC                        |
| 406.3.4   | Numbering alignment with CBC                                |
| 435.3.5   | Write out abbreviation                                      |
| 903.2.8   | Correct reference section numbering                         |
| 907.2.9.5   | Correct reference section numbering                         |
| 907.2.11.2.7  | Correct reference section numbering & add appropriate title |
| 1011.5.5  | Add word "inch" which is missing in measurement description |
| 1011.5.5  | Add "-" to one - and - two family ....                      |
| 1011.5.5.1  | Add "-" to one - and - two family ....                      |
| 1011.12.3   | Change numbering to be consistent with formatting           |

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| 1012.2    | Add "-" and "units" for clarity  |
| 1015.4    | Grammar and capitalization   |
| 1016.2    | Move reference to end of paragraph to be consistent with formatting  |
| 1016.3    | Move reference to end of paragraph to be consistent with formatting  |
| 1005A.5   | Correct section reference  |
| 1115D     | Removed section as action is repealed  |
| 1202.5    | Correct grammar, remove comma  |
| 1204.4    | Correct word to stairway instead of stair  |
| 1206.7    | Relocate title to beginning of section   |
| 1208.4    | Correct section numbering to align with CBC, modify to be consistent with CBC language                       |
| 1210      | Section numbering update consistent with CBC   |
| 1304D     | Correct spelling   |
| 1402.8    | Correct numbering for SFBC consistency   |
| 1501.1    | Correct code year  |
| 1505.1    | Revise section to remove redundancy in CBC, first sentence   |
| 1507.8.5  | Section numbering update consistent with CBC   |
| 1507.9.6  | Renumber section to be consistent with CBC   |
| 1511.2.2  | Renumber section to be consistent with CBC   |
| 1511.10   | Renumber for consistency, add appropriate to section   |
| 1604.11   | SF Heading consistency   |
| 1607.1    | Relocate to next SFBC section, remove from footnote to be consistent with CBC                                |
| 1607.20   | Add back SF requirement struck out in 1607.1 in CBC section  |
| 1607.20.3 | Realign number with CBC, add back language removed in 1607.1   |
| 1705.1.1  | Correct spelling   |
| 1705.4.3  | Revise to appropriate CBC section, keep CBC language and fit SFBC amendment within most appropriate section. |
| 1705.4.4  | Section numbering update   |
| 1705.5.8  | Section numbering update, correct reference numbering, remove item #6 not used in CBC                        |
| 1705.13.5 | Fit back in language removed in 1705.4.3 to appropriate section  |
| 1705.20   | Section numbering, correct grammar/language  |
| 1705.22   | Section numbering update   |
| 1705.22   | Section numbering update   |

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| 2304.12.2.3  | Correct reference numbering   |
| 2304.12.2.6.2  | Correct section numbering update  |
| 2603.4.1.5   | Language is outdated, revise for consistency with CBC and maintain SF Amendment intent  |
| 3010.1   | Update code year  |
| 3103.1.2   | Update code section   |
| 3116   | Update section numbering with CBC   |
| 36   | Change numbering to be consistent with CRC, add chapters as added by CRC  |
| Appx P   | Update change from O to P from CBC  |
| <b>PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO EXISTING BUILDING CODE<br/>AMENDMENTS 2022 Edition</b> |   |
| <b>Section No.</b>   | <b>Commands/Findings:</b>   |
| 303.3.2  | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 303.4.1  | Update section numbering with CEBC, correct associated reference numbering  |
| 303.4.2  | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 303.4.3  | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 327  | Remove 327.5.1-327.5.3 has sunset, update section numbering to align  |
| 405.2  | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 405.2.3.1  | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 501.1.3  | Update reference section number   |
| 501.6  | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 501.7  | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 501.8  | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 501.9  | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 502.10   | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 502.11   | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 503.11.1   | Update reference section number   |
| 503.19   | Update section numbering with CEBC  |
| 506  | To align with CEBC as current language incorrectly requires full seismic forces rather than reduced seismic forces as per State |
| 502B   | Update reference section number   |

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| 506B     | Update reference section number |
| 509C     | Update reference section number |
| Table 5C | Update reference section number |
| 502E     | Update reference section number |

**PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO MECHANICAL CODE  
AMENDMENTS 2022 Edition**

| Section No. | Commands/Findings: |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 101.1       | Correct code year  |

**PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO ELECTRICAL CODE  
AMENDMENTS 2022 Edition**

| Section No.  | Commands/Findings:   |
|--------------|--|
| 89.101.1     | Correct code year  |
| 89.120       | Correct typo   |
| 110.26(A)(3) | Update exceptions numbers and references to align with NEC |
| 334.12       | Correct code year  |
| 700.12(I)(2) | Update Code sections to align with NEC                     |
| 700.16       | Update Code sections and wording                           |

**PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO PLUMBING CODE  
AMENDMENTS 2022 Edition**

| Section No. | Commands/Findings:               |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 101.1       | Correct code year                |
| 104.4.3.2   | Renumber section, align with UPC |
| 104.4.3.3   | Renumber section, align with UPC |
| 606.10      | Renumber section, align with UPC |
| 609.11.2    | Renumber section, align with UPC |
| 609.11.3    | Renumber section align, with UPC |
|             |                                  |

# PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO GREEN BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS 2022 Edition

| Section No.     | Commands/Findings:   |
|-----------------|--|
| 101.2           | Update to align with SF Environmental Code   |
| 101.3.1         | Update to align with SF Environmental Code   |
| 101.10          | Update current LEED requirement  |
| 202             | Accept new state definitions and eliminate local where no longer necessary                               |
| 4.103.3.1       | Align LEED rating to be consistent between New Construction and Major Alteration                         |
| 4.103.3.3       | Remove as is captured in CalGreen  |
| 4.104.1         | Update code year   |
| 4.106.4         | Remove as CalGreen relocates major alteration section  |
| 4.106.4(1.2)    | merge back current SFGBC language with State changes   |
| 4.106.4(3)      | Remove as major alterations requirements are relocated in other parts of SFGBC and CalGreen              |
| 4.106.4(4)      | Remove as major alterations requirements are relocated in other parts of SFGBC and CalGreen              |
| 4.106.4.1.1     | Revise to align with CalGreen  |
| 4.106.4.2       | Remove as is incorporated in CalGreen, redundant   |
| 4.106.4.2.2.1.2 | Remove reference, no longer needed   |
| 4.106.4.2.3     | Remove entire section, rewrite to align with state   |
| 4.106.4.2.4     | Remove entire section, rewrite to align with state   |
| 4.106.4..2.4.1  | Remove entire section, rewrite to align with state   |
| 4.106.4.2.4     | Remove entire section, rewrite to align with state   |
| 4.201           | Update to align with CA Energy Standards, rewrite to align with state and prior Better Roofs requirement |
| Chapter 5       | Adopt Calgreen numbering   |
|                 | Update to Calgreen EV requirements but retain SF EV infrastructure for major alterations                 |

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|           | Remove sections superseded by Calgreen               |
| 5.201.1.1 | Maintain requirement for energy budget               |
| 5.201.1.2 | Maintain option to install living roof instead of PV |



# Triennial Code Adoption

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# Background

Every three years  
Effective January 1, 2023

What happens:

- California state agencies review changes in the model code  
ICC, IAPMO, NEC, NFPA
- California makes amendments/additions to the 12-part California Code of Regulations





# The Triennial Code Adoption Process

The San Francisco Building Code is amended and readopted every three years in accordance with the Triennial Adoption of the California State Building Standards Code



# The Triennial Code Adoption Process

## SF Code Amendments

- SF Building Code
- SF Existing Building Code
- SF Mechanical Code
- SF Electrical Code
- SF Plumbing Code
- SF Green Building Code

# Code Adoption Package

## Proposal

- Carry forward existing SF amendments
- Administrative changes to align SF codes with state changes:
  - clean-up to fix any spelling/grammar/text
  - chapter renumbering
  - update correct references
  - remove redundancy
  - align current practice

# Code Adoption Package

## Formatting

- Unchanged language from the 2022 California Codes is shaded and may include bold and/or italicized formatting
- Repealed San Francisco amendments appear with ~~strikeout~~
- New San Francisco amendments appear with underline

# Examples of SF Changes

| Types of Change           | Example  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Chapter number changes    | <p><b>SFBC SECTION 1511 – Rooftop structures</b><br/>Updated from 1510 to 1511 – Rooftop Structures</p> <p><b>SFBC SECTION 3116 – Wood-burning appliances</b><br/>Updated from 3114 to 3116</p>                    |
| Update Correct References | <p><b>2019 to 2022</b><br/>Update all 2019 code reference to 2022 edition</p> <p><b>SFBC 903.2.8 - CRC reference update</b><br/>Correct appropriate CRC scoping reference for sprinklers from R1.1.3 to R101.2</p> |

# Examples of SF Changes

| Types of Change                   | Example  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Remove redundant SF code language | <b>Remove SFBC SECTION 1705.4.3 Exterior Facing</b><br>Remove 1705.4.3 Exterior Facing and wove into 1705.13.5 Architectural components. Similar content |
|                                   | <b>Rewrite SFGBC 4.201.2</b><br>Rewrite to captures CA Energy Standards and weave SF requirements of better roofs requirement                            |

# Examples of SF Changes

| Types of Change        | Example  |
|------------------------|--|
| Align current practice | <b>SECTION 106A.3.2 – Submittal Documents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remove “original signature” which implies wet-signed</li><li>• Facilitate electronic plan review</li></ul> |
| Remove Sunset          | <b>SFEBC SECTION 327.5.1 – Notification Requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement has sunset: 327.5.3 – remove section and adjust numbering</li></ul>                 |



**THANK YOU**



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September 21, 2022

**File No. 220945**

Lisa Gibson  
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Dear Ms. Gibson:

On September 13, 2022, Building Inspection Commission introduced the following proposed legislation:

**File No. 220945**

**Ordinance repealing the 2019 Plumbing Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022 Plumbing Code consisting of the 2022 California Plumbing Code, as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing an operative date of January 1, 2023; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law.**

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erica Major".

By: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Don Lewis, Environmental Planning