

1 [Building Code - Repeal of Existing 2016 Code and Enactment of 2019 Edition]

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3 **Ordinance repealing the 2016 Building Code in its entirety and enacting a 2019 Building**
 4 **Code consisting of the 2019 California Building Code and the 2019 California**
 5 **Residential Code, as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and**
 6 **findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing for**
 7 **an operative date of January 1, 2020; and directing the Clerk of the Board to forward**
 8 **the legislation to the California Building Standards Commission as required by State**
 9 **law.**

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

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. 190959 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
 25 amended by the State agencies with jurisdiction over the subject matter. The California

1 Building Code is Part 2 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations; the California
2 Residential Code is Part 2.5. The 2019 California Building Code and 2019 California
3 Residential Code will go into effect throughout California on January 1, 2020.

4 (b) The State of California adopts a new California Building Standards Code every
5 three years (“triennial CBSC”) with supplemental amendments published in intervening years.
6 The triennial CBSC goes into effect throughout the State of California 180 days after its
7 publication by the California Building Standards Commission or at a later date established by
8 the Commission. The 2019 triennial CBSC will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

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

17 (d) As in past triennial CBSC adoption cycles, by this ordinance the Board of
18 Supervisors repeals the 2016 San Francisco Building Code in its entirety, enacts the 2019
19 San Francisco Building Code, and re-enacts the existing local amendments to make them
20 applicable to the 2019 California Building and Residential Codes.

21 (e) Pursuant to Charter Section D3.750-5, the Building Inspection Commission
22 considered and approved San Francisco’s amendments to the 2019 California Building Code
23 at a duly noticed public hearing that was held on July 17, 2019.

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25 Section 3. Findings regarding Local Conditions.

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 Building Code and any other
3 applicable provisions published by the California Building Standards Commission, the
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 2019 California Building Code and
11 the 2019 California Residential Code, with a section-by-section correlation of each
12 modification with a specific numbered finding, are contained in Exhibit A entitled "Standard
13 Findings for San Francisco Building Standards Code 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 2019 California Building Code and 2019 California Residential Code
18 provisions published by the California Building Standards Commission. The Board of
19 Supervisors further finds and determines that the proposed modifications are reasonably
20 necessary based upon the local conditions set forth in Exhibit A.

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22 Section 4. Repeal of 2016 San Francisco Building Code and Enactment of the 2019
23 San Francisco Building Code.

24 (a) The 2016 San Francisco Building Code is hereby repealed in its entirety. The
25 San Francisco Building Code being repealed was enacted on November 22, 2016, by

1 Ordinance Nos. 225-16 and 226-16, with an operative date of January 1, 2017. It was
2 amended by Ordinance Nos. 53-17, 131-17, 200-17, 233-17, 36-18, 102-18, 121-18, 245-18,
3 267-18, 301-18, 3-19, 52-19, 60-19, 62-19, 65-19, and 207-19. These ordinances are
4 available on the Board of Supervisors' website.

5 (b) The 2019 San Francisco Building Code is hereby enacted. It consists of (1) the
6 2019 California Building Code, (2) the 2019 California Residential Code, and (3) San
7 Francisco's existing local amendments to those 2019 California Codes, which are re-enacted
8 and expressly made applicable to said codes. Copies of the 2019 California Building Code,
9 the 2019 California Residential Code, and the stand-alone San Francisco amendments to
10 those 2019 California Codes are declared to be part of Board File No. 190959 and are
11 incorporated into this ordinance by reference as though fully set forth. Existing San Francisco
12 amendments that are being made applicable to those 2019 California Codes are shown in
13 unformatted ("plain") text and may include bold and/or italicized type; new San Francisco
14 amendments are underlined; and deleted San Francisco amendments are in strikeout text.

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

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

1 Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences,
2 clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

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4 Section 7. Effective and Operative Dates. This ordinance shall become effective 30
5 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor
6 returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it,
7 or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance. This ordinance shall
8 take effect and be in full force on and after either January 1, 2020 or its effective date if the
9 effective date is later.

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11 Section 8. Directions to Clerk. Upon final passage of this ordinance, the Clerk of the
12 Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to transmit to the California Building Standards
13 Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law 1) this ordinance, 2) the Exhibit
14 A attachment, and 3) the San Francisco modifications to the 2019 California Building Code
15 and the 2019 California Residential Code.

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17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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