

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

This Ordinance is making several updates, revisions, and additions to various chapters of Title 18 of the Mendocino County Code regarding Building Regulations. Chapter 18.04 is being amended by adopting by reference the 2025 editions of the California Building Standards Code, which is comprised of the following: (1) the California Administrative Code; (2) the California Building Code, Volumes 1 and 2; (3) the California Residential Code; (4) the California Electrical Code; (5) the California Mechanical Code; (6) the California Plumbing Code; (7) the California Energy Code; (8) the California Wildland-Urban Interface Code; (9) the California Historical Building Code; (10) the California Fire Code; (11) the California Existing Building Code; (12) the California Green Building Standards Code; and (13) the California Referenced Standards Code. These new editions of the Building Standards Code become effective statewide on January 1, 2026. Amendments to Chapter 18.04 will also make certain revisions to those codes to reflect local conditions and administrative practices, and will adopt non-required appendices related to agricultural buildings, flood resistant construction, signs, patio covers, existing buildings and structures, sound transmission, light straw-clay construction, strawbale construction, swimming pool safety act, recommended rules for sizing the water supply system, explanatory notes on combination waste and vent systems, sizing storm water drainage systems, installation standards, combination indoor & outdoor combustion and ventilation opening design, and the Ordinance will adopt local findings for those revisions as required by State law.