

**NINE-POINT CRITERIA ANALYSIS  
OF  
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**REGARDING THE 2016 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2.5**

**(HCD 02/15)**

Building standards submitted to the California Building Standards Commission for approval are required, by Health and Safety Code Subsection 18930(a), to be accompanied by an analysis which will, to the satisfaction of the Commission, justify their approval. The approval of these proposed building standards is justified as follows:

**1) The proposed building standards do not conflict with, overlap, or duplicate other building standards.**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has determined that the proposed adoption by reference of the 2015 edition of the International Residential Code (IRC) with amendments into the 2016 California Residential Code (CRC), Title 24, Part 2.5 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), does not conflict with, overlap or duplicate other building standards.

**2) The proposed building standards are within the parameters established by enabling legislation, and are not expressly within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency.**

The proposed adoption by reference of the 2015 IRC with amendments into the 2016 CRC, Title 24, Part 2.5 of the CCR, is necessary to comply with Health and Safety Code Sections 17921 and 17922 of the State Housing Law; Government Code Section 12955.1; Health and Safety Code Section 17040 of the Employee Housing Act; Health and Safety Code Section 18300 of the Mobilehome Parks Act; Health and Safety Code Section 18865 of the Special Occupancy Parks Act; Health and Safety Code Section 19990 of the Factory-Built Housing Law; and the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) laws.

The proposed building standards are not within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency.

**3) The public interest requires the adoption of the building standards. The public interest includes, but is not limited to, health and safety, resource efficiency, fire safety, seismic safety, building and building system performance, and consistency with environmental, public health, and accessibility statutes and regulations.**

Health and Safety Code Section 17921 directs HCD to propose the adoption, amendment, or repeal of building standards into Title 24 of the CCR for the protection of public health, safety, and general welfare of the occupant and the public.

**4) The proposed building standards are not unreasonable, arbitrary, unfair, or capricious, in whole or in part.**

HCD has determined that the proposed building standards are not unreasonable, arbitrary, or capricious, in whole or in part.

**5) The cost to the public is reasonable, based on the overall benefit to be derived from the building standards.**

HCD finds that the adoption by reference of the 2015 IRC with amendments into the 2016 CRC results in reasonable costs or costs savings to the public because it updates health and safety standards, provides the most recent methods, and promotes affordable costs. Health and Safety Code Section 17950 mandates that the application of published building standards be applied on a statewide basis, which assists in uniformity and cost affordability.

**6) The proposed building standards are not unnecessarily ambiguous or vague, in whole or in part.**

HCD has determined that the adoption by reference of the 2015 IRC with amendments into the 2016 CRC is neither ambiguous nor vague, either in whole or in part. The language of the California amendments was developed, reviewed, and edited to avoid ambiguity or vagueness.

**7) The applicable national specifications, published standards, and model codes have been incorporated therein as provided in this part, where appropriate.**

HCD is required to review the 2015 IRC and, if appropriate, to include California amendments, which are necessary modifications to the model code language to incorporate state and federal law provisions. HCD has included in the proposed adoption by reference of the 2015 IRC regulations, California amendments, which ensure that the model code adequately addresses the goals and needs of the State of California.

**8) The format of the proposed building standards is consistent with that adopted by the Commission.**

HCD is using the format consistent with that adopted by the CBSC.

**9) The proposed building standards, if they promote fire and panic safety as determined by the State Fire Marshal, have the written approval of the State Fire Marshal.**

The proposed adoption by reference of the 2015 IRC with amendments into the 2016 CRC, Title 24, Part 2.5 of the CCR is subject to review by the State Fire Marshal. A copy of the regulations has been submitted to the SFM for review and the SFM has determined these proposals do promote fire and panic safety.