

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
REGARDING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE,  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2.5**

**(HCD 03/19)**

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that every agency shall maintain a file of each rulemaking that shall be deemed to be the record for that rulemaking proceeding. The rulemaking file shall include a Final Statement of Reasons. The Final Statement of Reasons shall be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following are the reasons for proposing this particular rulemaking action:

**UPDATES TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(1) requires an update of the information contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons. If the update identifies any data or any technical, theoretical or empirical study, report, or similar document on which the state agency is relying that was not identified in the Initial Statement of Reasons, the state agency shall comply with Government Code Section 11347.1.

HCD has made no changes to the Initial Statement of Reasons as originally proposed.

**MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS:**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(2), if the determination as to whether the proposed action would impose a mandate, the agency shall state whether the mandate is reimbursable pursuant to Part 7 of Division 4. If the agency finds that the mandate is not reimbursable, it shall state the reasons for the finding.

HCD has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts. HCD's proposal does not mandate state reimbursement pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code.

**OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS:**

Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(3) requires a summary of EACH objection or recommendation regarding the specific adoption, amendment, or repeal proposed, and an explanation of how the proposed action was changed to accommodate each objection or recommendation, or the reasons for making no change. This requirement applies only to objections or recommendations specifically directed at the agency's proposed action or to the procedures followed by the agency in proposing or adopting the action, or reasons for making no change. Irrelevant or repetitive comments may be aggregated and summarized as a group.

No comments were received on any of the following items of the 2019 CRC Final Express Terms:

**Regarding Item 1, Section 1.1 “GENERAL,” of Final Express Terms.**

**Regarding Item 2, Section 1.8.4 “PERMITS, FEES, APPLICATIONS AND INSPECTIONS,” of Final Express Terms.**

**Regarding Item 3, Section 1.8.9 “UNSAFE BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES,” of Final Express Terms.**

**Regarding Item 4, Section R202 Definitions “ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT,” of Final Express Terms.**

**Regarding Item 5, Section R309 “GARAGES AND CARPORTS,” of Final Express Terms.**

**Regarding Item 6, Section X103 “EMERGENCY HOUSING,” of Final Express Terms.**

**DETERMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND EFFECT ON PRIVATE PERSONS:**

Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(4) requires a determination with supporting information that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

HCD is not aware of any additional cost impacts that a representative private person would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action beyond current costs based on existing law. The use of mass timber or construction of tall wood buildings is a design option and not mandated, therefore, the related provisions do not have mandated costs.

**REJECTED PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD LESSEN THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:**

Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(5) requires an explanation setting forth the reasons for rejecting any proposed alternatives that would lessen the adverse economic impact on small businesses, including the benefits of the proposed regulation per 11346.5(a)(3).

Not applicable.