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NEW CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES IN EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2026

Please be advised that in accordance with the State Building Standards Commission triennial building code update, commencing on **January 1, 2026,** the City of Riverside has adopted and is required to enforce the new 2025 edition of the California Building Standards Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24.

The 2025 edition of the California Building Standards Code includes the following 12 parts:

- 2025 California Administrative Code, Part 1
- 2025 California Building Code, Part 2, Volumes 1 and 2
- 2025 California Residential Code, Part 2.5
- 2025 California Electrical Code, Part 3
- 2025 California Mechanical Code, Part 4
- 2025 California Plumbing Code, Part 5
- 2025 California Energy Code, Part 6
- 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, Part 7
- 2025 California Historical Building Code, Part 8
- 2025 California Fire Code, Part 9
- 2025 California Existing Building Code, Part 10
- 2025 California Green Building Code, Part 11
- 2025 California Reference Standard Codes, Part 12

All projects submitted for permit application on or after **January 1, 2026** must be designed in conformance with the new 2025 California Building Codes. Permit applications **submitted prior to January 1, 2026** and remain active may comply with the code in effect at the time of application so long as the plan check does not expire, at which time a new permit application is required along with conformance with the new codes.

For more information about the State triennial building code update, please visit www.dgs.ca.gov/bsc