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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to provide background and establish effective dates for the adoption of the 2019 State of California Building Standards Code.

2.0 HISTORY

Original Effective Date: November 26, 2019; Updated: August 24, 2020

3.0 BACKGROUND

The California Building Standards Code is maintained by the California Building Standards Commission (www.bsc.ca.gov) and contains the codes and laws that regulate the construction of all buildings and structures in the State of California. The California Building Standards Code is revised and updated every three (3) years. In compliance with State law, the County of San Bernardino is required to adopt and enforce the latest published edition of the California Building Standards Code. The latest published edition of the California Building Standards Code is the 2019 edition, and it will become effective January 1, 2020.

4.0 EFFECTIVE DATES

Permit applications for projects submitted to Building & Safety after January 1, 2020 must comply with the 2019 California Building Standards Code.

Permit applications for projects submitted to Building & Safety prior to January 1, 2020, may comply with the 2016 California Building Standards Code. The applicant must obtain the building permit prior to July 1, 2020, or the permit application will expire. If the permit application expires, no permit extension will be granted, and the applicant must resubmit and comply with the 2019 California Building Standards Code.

Model/Production/Stock Plans submitted to Building & Safety prior to January 1, 2020, may comply with the 2016 California Building Standards Code, although the applicant must obtain all permits based on the Model/Production/Stock Plans prior to July 1, 2020. After July 1, 2020, all Model/Production/Stock/Standard Plan applications submitted prior to January 1, 2020 will expire, and the applicant must resubmit and comply with the 2019 California Building Standards Code.

Model/Production/Stock/Standard Plans submitted to Building & Safety after January 1, 2020 must comply with the 2019 California Building Standards Code.

The submittal/approval dates to/from any other County Department/Division have no bearing on which edition of the California Building Standards Code is applicable to a project. The edition of California Building Standards Code for which a project must comply, is solely determined by the date the permit application is submitted to Building & Safety.

4.1 AMENDED EFFECTIVE DATES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The widespread effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have had negative impacts on the building industry. Statewide stay at home orders, social distancing, and the closing of non-essential businesses have caused delays in both the design and construction phases, as well as the supply chains within the industry. The



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uncertainty within the financial markets has also put a strain on lenders, who have tightened policy related to construction loans.

Due to these unforeseen events, the effective date related to permit applications for Model/Production Plans assigned to a specific tract submitted to Building & Safety prior to January 1, 2020 will be extended from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The effective date related to all other permit applications submitted to Building & Safety prior to January 1, 2020 will be extended from July 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020. If the permit application expires, no permit extension will be granted, and the applicant must resubmit and comply with the 2019 California Building Standard Code.