

## ORDINANCE NO. 604

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE LA QUINTA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE AND CERTAIN SPECIFIED APPENDICES THEREOF, INCLUDING THE 2022 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE; 2022 MECHANICAL CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE; 2022 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE; AND 2022 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE, AND MAKING FINDINGS OF LOCAL CONDITIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF LA QUINTA WHICH MAKE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA BUILDINGS STANDARDS CODE REASONABLY NECESSARY**

**WHEREAS**, California Health & Safety Code Section 17958 and 18941.5 mandates that the City of La Quinta adopt ordinances or regulations imposing the requirements of certain uniform industry codes adopted by the State pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 17922; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has adopted the 2022 editions of the California Administrative Code, California Building Code, the California Residential Code, the California Electrical Code, the California Mechanical Code, the California Plumbing Code, the California Energy Code, the California Historical Building Code, the California Fire Code, the California Existing Building Code, the California Green Building Standards Code, and the California Referenced Standards Code, known collectively as the California Building Standards Code, and comprising Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Building Standards Code establishes minimum standards to regulate the construction of buildings throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, California Health & Safety Code Section 17958.5 permits the City of La Quinta to make such changes and modifications to the California Building Standards Code as are reasonably necessary because of local conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building Official, the Design and Development Director, and the Riverside County Fire Marshal have recommended that changes and modifications be made to the California Building Standards Code and have advised that certain of said changes are reasonably necessary due to local conditions in the City of La Quinta and have further advised that the remainder of said changes and modifications are of an administrative or procedural nature, or concern themselves with subjects not covered by the California Building Standards Code or are reasonably necessary to safeguard life and property within the City of La Quinta.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of La Quinta finds and determines, pursuant to the requirements of Health & Safety Code Section 17958.7 and 18941.5, that there is a need to adopt the changes or modifications to the California Building Standards Code because of local climatic, topographical, and geological conditions, and does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Changes and modifications to the California Building Standards Code adopted by the City of La Quinta, as recommended by the Building Official, the Design and Development Director, and the Riverside County Fire Marshal are hereby found to be reasonably necessary due to the following general findings of local conditions:

I. Climatic Conditions:

- A. La Quinta has an arid desert climate with rainfall averaging just over three inches annually, reducing the moisture content of combustible materials. Frequent periods of drought and low humidity contribute to the probability of a year-round fire season.
- B. For nearly four months each year, average daily high temperatures in La Quinta reach 100 degrees or higher, reducing the amount of added heat required to bring combustible materials to their ignition point.
- C. La Quinta is subject to hot, dry winds that further dry combustible materials, adding to the intensity of fires and their potential to spread rapidly. During the summer months the dry winds and existing vegetation mix to create a hazardous fuel condition which has resulted in large loss in vegetation and structure fires. Severe

“Santa Ana” winds frequently occur and can move a fire quickly throughout areas of the City. Multiple shifting wind patterns throughout the canyon areas add to the difficulty in suppressing fires.

- D. High winds cause failures of electrical supply and telephone communication, reducing the reliability of water supply pumps and timely emergency notification.
- E. Because of weather patterns, water is a scarce commodity in desert environments, and La Quinta and its neighboring areas draw more water from the underground aquifer than is replenished naturally. As a result, the area is dependent upon imported water to reduce the effects of overdrafting from the aquifer. Limited storage capacities, high consumption, and droughts reduce the dependability of future water allocations. Scarcity of water necessitates reducing the need for large volumes of water for firefighting efforts by early suppression through the installation of fire sprinklers in buildings that would otherwise be exempt from sprinkler requirements.
- F. Under desert conditions, aluminum wiring is more likely than copper to fail mechanically. Aluminum is more reactive than copper to ambient temperature changes as well normal heating produced from the flow of electricity. It expands and contracts when subjected to heating and cooling, respectively, more so than does copper. Compared to copper, its lower electrical conductivity generates more heat. Aluminum is also more brittle than copper and is more likely to break or crimp. Arcing can occur if a wire breaks or crimps, causing very high temperatures inside concealed building spaces. Aluminum is more likely to corrode (i.e., oxidize) than copper. When excessive corrosion occurs it increases the resistance in the circuit and causes overheating. All of these mechanisms of failure increase the risks of fire associated with the use of aluminum wire.

## II. Topographical Conditions:

- A. La Quinta is separated from Los Angeles to the west and Phoenix to the east by mountainous terrain, isolating it from media broadcasts of news and emergency information originating from major metropolitan areas.
- B. Much of La Quinta, particularly the southern portion, is situated in alluvial fans, surrounded by mountains, isolating it from media

broadcasts of news and emergency information originating from within the Coachella Valley.

- C. Major roadways, highways, and flood control channels create barriers that increase Fire Department response times. Undulating terrain incorporated into large country clubs also increases these response times.
- D. Streets designed for limited residential traffic and streets designed as storm drains impede emergency vehicle access and evacuation routes.

### III. Geological Conditions:

- A. La Quinta is situated in near several significant sources capable of producing moderate to large earthquakes, including the San Andreas, Garnet Hill, Banning, Eureka Peak, Burnt Mountain, Pinto Mountain, San Gorgonio Pass, and San Jacinto Faults.
- B. Faults near La Quinta are capable of producing earthquakes of Magnitude 7.8 or greater, accompanied by intense shaking, liquefaction, and permanent ground displacement, increasing the risk of property damage, or personal injury or death, caused by the failure of structures, necessitating the permitting and inspection of structures that would otherwise be exempt from permit requirements.
- C. Seismic activity within the area occurs yearly. As a result, existing structures and planned new development are subject to serious risks, including fire and collapse, disruption of the water supply for firefighting purposes, and isolation from emergency response as a result of bridge, overpass, and road damage and debris.
- D. Severe ground shaking during a seismic event increases the probability that above-ground structures will fail. The inherent danger to the public is increased when power lines are installed above ground because of the danger from falling or fallen power poles and the possibility of contacting live power lines.

### IV. Other Conditions:

- A. Additional amendments are found to be either administrative or procedural in nature or concern themselves with subjects not covered in the California Building Standards Code. These changes include provisions making the California Building Standards Code compatible with other codes enforced by the City.

**SECTION 2.** As recommended by the Building Official, Design and Development Director, and the Riverside County Fire Marshal, the following local amendments to the 2022 California Building Standards Code are hereby found to be reasonably necessary as identified in the table below and referenced to the express findings noted in Section 1, above.

<b>Local Code Amendments and Express Findings of Necessity</b>		
<b>Code Legend:</b>		
CBC = California Building Code; CRC = California Residential Code; CEC = California Electrical Code; CFC = California Fire Code; LQMC = La Quinta Municipal Code		
<b>Code</b>	<b>Amended Section</b>	<b>Express Finding</b>
CBC	105.2	III.A, III.B, IV.A
CBC	903.2	I.A, I.B, I.C, II.D
CBC	1505.1.4	I.A, I.B, I.C, II.D
CRC	R105.2	III.A, III.B, IV.A
CRC	R902.1.5	I.A, I.B, I.C, II.D
CEC	120	III.D
CEC	310.10	I.F
CEC	820.1.1	II.A, II.B
CEC	841.1	II.A, II.B
CFC	101.1	IV.A
CFC	101.4	IV.A

CFC	102.5	I.A,B,C, II.C,D, III.C,D
CFC	104.1.1	IV.A
CFC	104.7 and 104.7.1	IV.A
CFC	104.13	IV.A
CFC	107.2	IV.A
CFC	107.4	IV.A
CFC	107.7	IV.A
CFC	111.1	IV.A
CFC	112.4	IV.A
CFC	202	IV.A
CFC	308.1.6.3	I.A-E, II.A-D, III.A-D
CFC	503.2.1	IV.A
CFC	503.2.2	IV.A
CFC	503.6.1	IV.A
CFC	503.7	IV.A
CFC	507.5.7	I.B,C, III.B,C,D
CFC	507.5.8	I.A-E, II.A-D, III.A-D
CFC	508.1, 508.1.1, 508.1.3	I.A-E, II.A-D, III.A-D
CFC	509.2.1	I.B,C, III.B,C,D
CFC	608.11.1.2	II.A-D, II.A-D
CFC	903.2	I,A-E, II.A-D, III.A-D
CFC	903.3.5.3	I.A-E, II.A-D

CFC	3204.2.1	IV.A
CFC	4904.2.1	IV.A
CFC	5608.1.2	IV.A
CFC	Appendix Chapter B, Table B105.2	I.A-D, II.A-D, III.A-D
CFC	Appendix Chapter C C103.1	I.A-D, II.A-D, III.A-D

**SECTION 3.** A copy of this Ordinance adopting the 2022 California Administrative Code, the 2022 California Building Code, the 2022 California Residential Code, the 2022 California Electrical Code, the 2022 California Mechanical Code, the 2022 California Plumbing Code, the 2022 California Energy Code, the 2022 California Historical Building Code, the 2022 California Fire Code, the 2022 California Existing Building Code, the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, and the 2022 California Referenced Standards Code, along with the findings, amendments, additions, and deletions, shall be filed with the California Building Standards Commission at 2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95833 by the City Clerk of the City of La Quinta.

**SECTION 4. ADOPTION OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS.** There is hereby adopted an amendment, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to Title 8 of the La Quinta Municipal Code, entitled “Buildings and Construction,” which is incorporated as fully as if set out in full herein, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions related to building and construction and activities including those certain documents specifically described in said Exhibit A, save and except certain specified portions which are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended within various Chapters of said Title 8, of which documents being adopted by reference copies are on file with the Building Official and the same are also hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect January 1, 2023.

**SECTION 6. POSTING.** The City Clerk shall, within 15 days after passage of this Ordinance, cause it to be posted in at least three public places designated by resolution of the City Council, shall certify to the adoption and posting of this Ordinance, and shall cause this Ordinance and its certification,

together with proof of posting to be entered into the Book of Ordinances of the City of La Quinta.

**SECTION 7. CORRECTIVE AMENDMENTS:** the City Council does hereby grant the City Clerk the ability to make minor amendments and corrections of typographical or clerical errors to “Exhibit A” to ensure consistency of all approved text amendments prior to the publication in the La Quinta Municipal Code.

**SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY:** If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each and every section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared unconstitutional.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED,** at a regular meeting of the La Quinta City Council held this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, by the following vote:

**AYES: Council Members Fitzpatrick, Peña, Radi, Sanchez, and Mayor Evans**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**



LINDA EVANS, Mayor  
City of La Quinta, California



**ATTEST:**



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MONIKA RADEVA, City Clerk  
City of La Quinta, California



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



WILLIAM H. IHRKE, City Attorney  
City of La Quinta, California

## EXHIBIT A

Title 8 of the La Quinta Municipal Code, entitled “Buildings and Construction,” shall be amended as follows:

1. Section 8.01.010, entitled “Adoption of the California Administrative Code,” shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the “2022 California Administrative Code,” published by the California Building Standards Commission, are adopted for establishing administrative, organizational and enforcement rules and regulations for technical codes which regulate site preparation and construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, use and occupancy of buildings, structures and building service equipment.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

2. Section 8.02.010, entitled “Adoption of the California Building Code” shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the “2022 California Building Code”, Specifically Chapters 1 through 35, Appendix Chapter C (Group U—Agricultural Buildings), Appendix Chapter H (Signs), Appendix Chapter J (Grading), and Appendix Chapter P (Emergency Housing Facilities) within Volumes 1 and 2, published by the California Building Standards Commission are adopted for regulating the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

3. Section 8.02.020, entitled “Work exempt from permit.” The subsection shall be readopted under the “2022” code and revised to include new code language to read as follows:

Subsection 105.2 of Section 105 of the California Building Code is amended by deleting the subheading “Building” and its listed items 1 through 13 and replacing them with the following:

**Building:**

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided that the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11 m<sup>2</sup>). It is permissible that these structures still be regulated by Section 710A, despite exemption from permit.
2. Fences and non-retaining masonry walls not over 3 feet (914 mm) in height measured from finished grade.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Retaining walls that are not over 2 feet (609 mm) in height measured from finished grade to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or IIIA liquids.
5. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity is not greater than 5,000 gallons (18,925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2:1.
6. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
8. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons (18,925 L), and are installed entirely above ground.
10. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.

11. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings.

12. Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies, supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1,372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.

13. Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1,753 mm) in height.

4. Section 8.02.030, entitled "Automatic fire-extinguishing systems." The section shall be readopted under the "2022" code and revised to include new code language to read as follows:

Section 903.2 of the 2022 California Building Code is amended to read as follows:

Where required. Approved automatic sprinkler systems in new buildings and structures shall be provided in the locations described in Sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.12 and Sections 903.2.14 through 903.2.21. Those requirements notwithstanding, an approved automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout any new building or structure where the fire area is 3,600 square feet or greater.

5. Section 8.02.040, entitled "Fire-retardant roofing materials required." The existing code amendment section is deleted in its entirety and is readopted with updated numbering and new section naming to read as follows:

Section 8.02.040 – Roof covering materials.

Section 1505.1.4 of the 2022 California Building Code is added to read as follows:

1505.1.4 Roof coverings within the City of La Quinta. With the exception of patio covers and similar structures, as determined by the building official, roof covering shall be of a Class A rating and shall otherwise comply with this code.

Exception: At the discretion of the building official, a waiver may be granted when all of the following conditions exist:

1. The scope of work is an addition or roof repair, and;
2. The newly roofed area consists of less than 25 percent of the existing roof area, and;
3. The existing combustible roof was constructed not more than 25 years prior to currently proposed work.

6. Section 8.02.050, entitled "Swimming pool, spa, and hot tub regulations" is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 8.02.050 – Swimming Pool Enclosure Required:

- A. The following requirements shall apply to swimming pools (as defined in Section 9.280.030 of the La Quinta Municipal Code) which are located on individual residential lots:
  1. Every person who owns or who is in possession of land upon which a swimming pool is located shall construct and maintain in good condition, completely surrounding such parcel of land or the swimming pool itself, an enclosure consisting of a fence, wall, gate, building, or a combination thereof.

Exception: Within a walled, gated community, when the swimming pool is located in a rear or side yard that abuts a golf course or other common open space that also has access to a water feature such as a lake, pond, water fall or other site design element involving water.

2. The enclosure and any access gates shall be constructed of substantial material, as allowed elsewhere in the La Quinta Municipal Code, and shall have all the following characteristics:
  - a. A minimum height of 60 inches measured from the exterior finished grade.
  - b. Free of voids that readily provide access through the enclosure.

Note: This section shall not be construed as an alternative to a drowning prevention feature as required by the Health and Safety Code.

7. Section 8.03.010, entitled "Adoption of the California Electrical Code." shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the "2022 California Electrical Code," published by the California Building Standards Commission, are adopted for safeguarding persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

8. Section 8.03.020, "Underground wiring required." The section shall be readopted under the "2022" code to read as follows:

Article 120 of the 2022 California Electrical Code is added to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 120**  
**Underground Wiring Required**

120.1 Scope. This article covers the general requirements for restricting the installation of above-ground electrical and other utility components in new construction, and phasing out their use in existing installations.

120.2 Definitions. See Article 100. For the purposes of this article, the following additional definitions apply.

Community Antenna Television System (or CATV). A system of antennas, coaxial cables, wires, wave guides, or other conductors, equipment, or facilities designed, constructed, or used for the purpose of providing television or FM radio service by cable or through its facilities.

Cost of Replacing. Those costs as computed by the Building Official or his or her designee. In making said computation, said City Official shall use those tables and figures provided in that publication entitled "Building Standards," as published by International Code Council, Whittier, California, and which is current at the time of such computations. Said tables and figures shall apply to a building which would conform to all City and State Regulations, including the City's

Building, Plumbing, Wiring, Mechanical, Fire Codes and Zoning Regulations, which are effective at the time of the computation.

Poles, Wires, and Associated Structures. Poles, towers, supports, wires, crossarms, braces, transformers, insulators, cutouts, switches, communication circuits, appliances, attachments, and appurtenances used in whole or in part for supplying, distributing or transmitting electric energy, radio signals, television signals, telegraphic signals, CATV services, or any similar associated services to a building or structure and the occupants thereof, if any. Also referred to collectively in this article as “utility facilities.”

Utility. All persons or entities supplying, transmitting, or distributing electrical energy and service, radio signals, television signals, telegraphic signals, and providing telephone, electrical, light, radio, television, telegraphic, and CATV services or any similar associated services by means of poles, wires, and associated structures.

120.3 Prohibition. Except as provided in Article 120.4, no person shall construct, install, or place above the surface of the ground any poles, wires, and associated structures, regardless of the use or proposed use of the structure or building to be served thereby.

120.4 Exceptions. The provisions of this article shall not apply to the following poles, wires, and associated structures under the circumstances described herein:

(A) Termination Point for Overhead Utility Facilities. Utility facilities constructed, placed, or installed (referred to herein collectively as “constructed”), or proposed to be constructed within six feet of the lot line of any real property for which service is being or intended to be provided by said utility facilities, if the sole purpose of the construction of utility facilities is to terminate overhead utility facilities. Such utility facilities may be placed at a distance further than six feet from said lot line to enable a maximum underground run of two hundred feet.

(B) Ground-mounted Equipment. Ground-mounted transformers, pedestal-mounted terminal boxes, meter cabinets, concealed ducts, and other appurtenances and associated equipment, which are part of and necessary for the operation of an underground electrical, communication, CATV, radio, or telegraphic system.

(C) Temporary Facilities. Utility facilities installed by a utility for temporary purposes, including, but not limited to, servicing building construction projects for which valid building permits have been issued by the City, and which uses are being or proposed to be conducted in compliance with all requirements of this code, the remainder of the California Building Standards Code, and the La Quinta Municipal Code.

(D) High Voltage Installations. Utility facilities distributing, supplying, and transmitting electrical energy at 34,000 Volts or greater.

120.5 Initial Obligation. The owner, lessee, tenant, or occupant of a building or structure or the owner of property proposed to be developed by a building or structure has the initial obligation to comply with all the requirements of this article, and in performance of said obligation shall make the necessary arrangements with the appropriate utility for the installation and construction of utility facilities so that they will be in compliance with the provisions of this article. This section is not intended to eliminate or limit the obligation of any person, including a utility, to comply at all times with all provisions of this article, but expresses the intent of the La Quinta City Council as to who has the primary obligation of compliance.

120.6 Waiver. If any person believes that the application of any provision of this article is impractical and will cause practical difficulties and unnecessary hardship to him or her or the public in general due to certain topographical conditions, street configurations, underground obstacle, soil, water or other natural conditions which would make the underground installation of utility facilities unreasonable, said person may apply in writing to the Design & Development Department for a waiver of such provision of this article. Said application shall be filed with the Design & Development Department and the City Council shall consider said application no later than thirty (30) days thereafter, at which time it shall hear the Applicant's evidence in support of the application, the comments and recommendations of the City's employees and officials thereon. It may hear other parties. The City Council may grant a waiver from all or any provisions of this article after considering a specific application therefor and after making a finding that the application of the specific provision in question would be unreasonable, impractical and cause undue hardship to the Applicant or the general public. If the City Council does grant a waiver, it may impose reasonable conditions on said grant in the interest of protecting and preserving the public health, safety and general welfare. The City



Council shall make its decision on the application no later than thirty (30) days after it has concluded its consideration thereof. The decision of the City Council shall be final.

#### 120.7 Nonconformance: Continuance and Termination.

(A) Nonconformance. Any legally established utility facility not in conformity with the provision of this article as of the effective date of this ordinance shall be considered nonconforming.

(B) Nonconforming Utility Facilities Not Relocated. Any nonconforming utility facility may continue to be used and may be renewed, altered, enlarged, or have additions thereto in its existing location without any provisions of this article being applicable thereto. However, when any building or structure to which any nonconforming utility facility provides any service is enlarged or an addition is made thereto where the cost of replacing said building or structure including its addition or enlargement exceeds by 50 percent the cost of replacing said building or structure prior to its enlargement or the addition thereto, all utility facilities that provide service to such building or structure, as described in the aforesaid clause, shall be caused to comply with all provisions of this article.

(C) Nonconforming Utility Facilities Relocated. Whenever an existing service is relocated on nonconforming property, or a new service is established on nonconforming property, any such relocated or new service shall be caused to comply with all the provisions of this article.

9. Section 8.03.030, "Copper wire required." The section shall be readopted under the "2022" code to read as follows:

Section 310.10 of the 2022 California Electrical Code is amended to read as follows:

#### 310.10 Uses Permitted.

The conductors described in 310.104 shall be permitted for use in any of the wiring methods covered in Chapter 3 and as specified in their respective tables or as permitted elsewhere in this Code. However, aluminum conductors shall only be permitted for use to feed main

electrical panels or sub-panels. Such aluminum conductors shall not be smaller than size 1/0 AWG.

10. Section 8.03.040, entitled "Telephone jacks and television cable outlets." is deleted in its entirety.

11. Section 8.04.010, entitled "Adoption of the California Plumbing Code." shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the "2022 California Plumbing Code," Specifically Chapters 1 through 17 and Appendix Chapter A (Recommended Rules for Sizing the Water Supply System), Appendix Chapter B (Explanatory Notes in Combination Waste and Vent Systems), Appendix Chapter D (Sizing Storm Water Drainage Systems), Appendix Chapter H (Private Sewage Disposal Systems), and Appendix Chapter I (Installation Standards), published by the California Building Standards Commission, are adopted for regulating the erection, installation, alteration, addition, repair, relocation, replacement, maintenance, or use of any plumbing system.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

12. Section 8.05.010, entitled "Adoption of the California Mechanical Code" shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the "2022 California Mechanical Code," Specifically Chapters 1 through 17 and Appendix Chapter B (Procedures to be followed to place gas equipment in operation) and Appendix Chapter C (Installation and testing of oil (liquid) fuel-fired equipment), published by the California Building Standards Commission, are adopted for regulating and controlling the design, construction, installation, quality of materials, location, operation, and maintenance or use of heating, ventilating, cooling, refrigeration systems, incinerators, and other miscellaneous heat-producing appliances.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

13. Section 8.06.010, entitled “Adoption of the California Residential Code.” The body text shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the “2022 California Residential Code”, Specifically Chapters 1 through 10, Chapter 44, Appendix Chapter AH (Patio Covers), Appendix Chapter AQ (Tiny Houses), Appendix Chapter AS (Strawbale Construction), Appendix Chapter AX (Swimming Pool Safety Act) and Appendix Chapter AZ (Emergency Housing), published by the California Building Standards Commission, are adopted for regulating the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every detached one- and two-family dwelling, townhouse not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and structures accessory thereto.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

14. Section 8.06.020, “Work exempt from permit.” The subsection shall be readopted under the “2022” code and revised to include new code language to read as follows:

Subsection R105.2 of Section 105 of the California Residential Code is amended by deleting the subheading “Building” and its listed items 1 through 10 and replacing them with the following:

Building:

1. Other than storm shelters, One-story detached accessory structures, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11.15 m<sup>2</sup>). It is permissible that these structures still be regulated by Section 710A, despite exemption from permit.
2. Fences and non-retaining masonry walls not over 3 feet (914 mm) in height measured from finished grade.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 2 feet (609 mm) in height measured from finished grade, unless supporting a surcharge.

4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Sidewalks and driveways.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons (18,925 L), and are installed entirely above ground.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1,372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m<sup>2</sup>) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling, and do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.

All such structures must comply with the setback and height requirements of the La Quinta Municipal Code, as applicable. Unless otherwise exempted, separate plumbing, electrical, and mechanical permits are required for the above-exempted items.

15. Section 8.06.030, entitled "Fire-retardant roofing materials required." is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 8.06.030 – Roof covering materials.

Section R902.1.4 of the 2022 California Residential Code is added to read as follows:

R902.1.4 Roof coverings within the City of La Quinta. With the exception of patio covers and similar structures, as determined by the building official, roof covering shall be of a Class A rating and shall otherwise comply with the requirements of this code.

Exception: At the discretion of the building official, a waiver may be granted when all of the following conditions exist:

1. The scope of work is an addition or roof repair, and;
2. The newly roofed area consists of less than 25 percent of the existing roof area, and;
3. The existing combustible roof was constructed not more than 25 years prior to currently proposed work.

16. Section 8.07.010, entitled "Adoption of the California Green Building Standards Code." The body text shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the "2022 California Green Building Standards Code" Specifically Chapters 1 through 8, published by the California Building Standards Commission are adopted to improve public health, safety and general welfare by enhancing the design and construction of buildings through the use of building concepts having a reduced negative impact or positive environmental impact and encouraging sustainable construction practices.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

17. Section 8.08.010, entitled "Adoption of the California Fire Code" shall be amended to read as follows:

Except as stated in this section or as amended below in Section 8.08.020 of this chapter; all of the provisions and appendices of the 2022 California Fire Code, inclusive of all of the inclusions and exclusions set for in each chapter's matrix, are hereby adopted and shall apply to the city of La Quinta. In addition, the following provisions that are excluded in the 2022 California Fire Code are hereby adopted: Chapter 1, Division II of the California Fire Code is hereby adopted, (except that Sections 103.2 and 111.3 are not adopted); and Chapters 3, 25, and Sections 403.11, 503, 510.2, 1103.2 and 5707, published by the California Building Standards Commission are adopted for the purpose of establishing the minimum requirements consistent with nationally

recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion, or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures, and premises, and to provide safety to firefighters and emergency responders during emergency operations within the city.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter

18. Section 8.08.020, entitled "Amendments to the California Fire Code" is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

8.08.020 - Amendments to the California Fire Code.

A. Scope and Administration.

1. Section 101.1 of the California Fire Code is amended as follows:

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the La Quinta Fire Code, hereinafter referred to as "this code."

2. Section 101.4 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

101.4 Severability. If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

B. Applicability.

Section 102.5 of the California Fire Code is amended as follows:

102.5 Application of residential code. Where structures are designed and constructed in accordance with the California Residential Code, the provisions of this code shall apply as follows:

1. Construction and design provisions of this code pertaining to the exterior of the structure shall apply including, but not limited to, premises identification, fire apparatus access and water supplies. Where interior or exterior systems or devices are installed, construction permits required by Section 105.6 of this code shall apply.

2. Administrative, operational and maintenance provisions of this code shall apply.
3. Automatic fire sprinkler system requirements of this code shall apply to detached accessory buildings 3,600 square feet or greater in accordance with Section 903.2. The provisions contained in Section 903.2.18 of the California Fire Code or Section R309.6 of the California Residential Code may be used for the design of the automatic fire sprinkler system for detached private garages.

C. Duties and Powers of the Fire Code Official

- 1) Section 104.1.1 is added to Section 104.1 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

104.1.1 Authority of the Fire Chief and Fire Department.

1. The Fire Chief is authorized and directed to enforce all applicable State fire laws and provisions of this ordinance and to perform such duties as directed by the City Council.
2. The Fire Chief is authorized to administer, interpret and enforce this ordinance. Under the Fire Chief's direction, the Riverside County Fire Department is authorized to enforce ordinances of the City of La Quinta pertaining to the following:
  - a. The prevention of fires.
  - b. The suppression or extinguishment of dangerous or hazardous fires.
  - c. The storage, use and handling of hazardous materials.
  - d. The installation and maintenance of automatic, manual and other private fire alarm systems and fire extinguishing equipment.
  - e. The maintenance and regulation of fire escapes.
  - f. The maintenance of fire protection and the elimination of fire hazards on land, in buildings, structures and other property, including those under construction.
  - g. The maintenance of means of egress.
  - h. The investigation of the cause, origin and circumstances of fire and unauthorized releases of hazardous materials.

3. The following persons are hereby authorized to interpret and enforce the provisions of this ordinance and to make arrests and issue citations as authorized by law:
  - a. The Unit Chief, Peace Officers and Public Officers of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
  - b. The Fire Chief, Peace Officers and Public Officers of the Riverside County Fire Department.
  - c. The Riverside County Sheriff and any deputy sheriff.
  - d. The Police Chief and any police officer of any city served by the Riverside County Fire Department.
  - e. Officers of the California Highway Patrol.
  - f. Code Compliance Officers of the City of La Quinta.
  - g. Peace Officers of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.
  - h. The law enforcement officer of the Federal Bureau of Land Management.
  
- 2) Sections 104.7 and 104.7.1 of the California Fire Code are deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

104.7 Liability. Any liability against Riverside County or the City of La Quinta or any officer or employee for damages resulting from the discharge of their duties shall be as provided by law.
  
- 3) Section 104.13 is added to Section 104 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

104.13 Authority of the Fire Chief to close hazardous fire areas. Except upon National Forest Land, the Fire Chief is authorized to determine and announce the closure of any hazardous fire area or portion thereof. Any closure by the Fire Chief for a period of more than fifteen (15) calendar days must be approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and/or the City Council within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Fire Chief's original order of closure. Upon such closure, no person shall go in or be upon any hazardous fire area, except upon the public roadways and inhabited areas. During such closure, the Fire Chief shall erect and maintain at all entrances to the closed area sufficient signs giving notice of closure. This section shall not prohibit residents or owners of private



property within any closed area, or their invitees, from going in or being upon their lands. This section shall not apply to any entry, in the course of duty, by a peace officer, duly authorized public officer or fire department personnel. For the purpose of this section, "hazardous fire area" shall mean public or private land that is covered with grass, grain, brush or forest and situated in a location that makes suppression difficult resulting in great damage. Such areas are designated on Hazardous Fire Area maps filed with the office of the Fire Chief.

#### D. Fees

- 1) Section 107.2 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

107.2 Schedule of Permit Fees. Fees for services and permits shall be as set forth in the City of La Quinta Fee Schedule.

- 2) Section 107.4 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

107.4 Work Commencing Before Permit Issuance. A person who commences any work, activity or operation regulated by this code before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a double (200%) permit fee, without provisions for refund, at the rate established for the specific permit type in the adopted fee schedule.

- 3) Section 107.7 is added to Section 107 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

107.7 Cost Recovery. Fire suppression, investigation, rescue, or emergency medical costs are recoverable in accordance with Health and Safety Code Sections 13009 and 13009.1, as may be amended from time to time. Additionally, any person who negligently, intentionally or in violation of law causes an emergency response, including, but not limited to, a traffic accident, spill of toxic or flammable fluids or chemicals is liable for the costs of securing such emergency, including those costs pursuant to Government Code Section 53150, et seq., as may be amended from time to time. Any expense incurred by the Riverside County Fire Department for securing such emergency shall constitute a debt of such person and shall be collectable by Riverside

County in the same manner as in the case of an obligation under contract, express or implied.

E. Means of Appeals

Section 111.1 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

111.1 Board of appeals established. The Board of Appeals shall be the City of La Quinta Construction Board of Appeals as designated in La Quinta Municipal Code Chapter 2.40. The Fire Chief shall be notified of any appeal and the Fire Chief or designee shall be in attendance at the appeal hearing. Depending on the subject of the appeal, specialized expertise may be solicited, at the expense of the applicant, for the purpose of providing input to the Construction Board of Appeals.

F. Violations

Section 112.4 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

112.4 Violation and penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association of persons to violate any provision of this ordinance, or to violate the provisions of any permit granted pursuant to this code or ordinance. Punishments and penalties for violations shall be in accordance with the City of La Quinta ordinances, fee schedule and California Health and Safety Code Sections 17995 through 17995.5.

G. Definitions.

Section 202 of the California Fire Code is amended to add the following definitions:

FIRE CHIEF. The Fire Chief of Riverside County or the Fire Chief's designee.

H. Open Flames.

Section 308.1.6.3 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

308.1.6.3 Sky lanterns or similar devices. A person shall not release or cause to be released a sky lantern or similar device.

I. Fire Apparatus Access Roads

1) Section 503.2.1 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

503.2.1 Dimensions. Fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 24 feet (7315 mm), exclusive of shoulders, except for approved security gates in accordance with Section 503.6, and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet 6 inches (4115 mm). For additional requirements or alternatives see Riverside County Fire Department Standards and Policies, as may be amended from time to time.

- 2) Section 503.2.2 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

503.2.2 Authority. The fire code official shall be the only authority authorized to designate fire apparatus access roads and fire lanes and to modify the minimum fire lane access widths for fire or rescue operations.

- 3) Section 503.6.1 is added to Section 503.6 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

503.6.1 Automatic opener. New motorized gates shall be provided with means to be automatically opened remotely by emergency vehicle in accordance with Riverside County Fire Department standards and Policies, as may be amended from time to time.

Exception: Gates serving individual one- and two-family dwelling parcels.

- 4) Section 503.7 is added to Section 503 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

503.7 Loading areas and passenger drop-off areas. On private properties, where fire apparatus access roads are utilized for loading or unloading or utilized for passenger drop-off or pick-up; an additional eight (8) feet of width shall be added to the minimum required width for the fire apparatus access road.

#### J. Fire Protection Water Supplies

- 1) Section 507.5.7 is added to Section 507 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

507.5.7 Fire hydrant size and outlets. As determined by the fire code official, fire hydrant sizes and outlets shall be based on the following:

- A. Residential Standard one (1) four (4) inch outlet and one (1) two and one-half (2½) inch outlet.

- B. Super Hydrant Standard one (1) four (4) inch outlet and two (2) two and one half (2½) inch outlet.
- C. Super Hydrant Enhanced two (2) four (4) inch outlet and one (1) two and one half (2½) inch outlet.

2) Section 507.5.8 is added to Section 507 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

507.5.8 Fire hydrant street marker. Fire hydrant locations shall be visually indicated in accordance with Riverside County Fire Department Standards and Policies, as may be amended from time to time. Any hydrant marker damaged or removed during the course of street construction or repair shall be immediately replaced by the contractor, developer or person responsible for removal or damage.

K. Fire Command Center.

1) Section 508.1 of the California Fire Code is amended as follows:

508.1 General. Where required by other sections of this code and in all buildings classified as high-rise buildings by the California Building Code, and in all occupancies greater than 300,000 square feet, and in Group I-2 occupancies having occupied floors located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access, a fire command center for fire department operations shall be provided and comply with Sections 508.1.1 through 508.1.7.

2) Section 508.1.1 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

508.1.1 Location and access. The fire command center shall be located adjacent to the main lobby and shall be accessible from fire department vehicular access or as approved by the fire code official. The room shall have direct access from the building exterior at the lowest level of fire department access.

3) Section 508.1.3 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

508.1.3 Size. The fire command center shall be not less than 0.015 percent of the total building area of the facility served or 200 square

feet in area, whichever is greater. The room shall have a minimum dimension of 0.7 times the square root of the room area or 10 feet, whichever is greater.

Where a fire command center is solely required because a building is greater than 300,000 square feet, the fire command center shall have a minimum size of 96 square feet with a minimum dimension of 8 feet, where approved by the fire code official.

L. Fire Protection and Utility Equipment Identification and Location.

Section 509.2.1 of the California Fire Code is amended to add the following:

509.2.1 Minimum Clearances. A 3-foot (914 mm) clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of exterior fire protection system control valves, or any other exterior fire protection system component that may require immediate access, except as otherwise required or approved.

M. Mechanical Refrigeration.

Section 608.11.1.2 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

608.11.1.2 Manual operation. When required by the fire code official, automatic crossover valves shall be capable of manual operation. The manual valves shall be located in an approved location immediately outside of the machinery room in a secure metal box or equivalent and marked as Emergency Controls.

N. Automatic Sprinkler Systems.

1) Section 903.2 of the California Fire Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

903.2 Where required. In all new buildings and structures which are 3,600 square feet or greater, an approved automatic sprinkler system shall be provided regardless of occupancy classification. Where the Sections 903.2.1 - 903.2.21 of the California Fire Code require more restrictive requirements than those listed below, the more restrictive requirement shall take precedence.

Exception: Unless required elsewhere in this code or the California Building Code, automatic fire sprinkler systems shall not be required for the following:

1. Detached Group U occupancies used for agricultural purposes constructed in accordance with the California Building Code.

2. Detached non-combustible equestrian arena shade canopies that are open on all sides and used for riding only - no commercial, assembly or storage uses.
3. Detached fabric or non-combustible shade structures that are open on all sides and used to shade playground equipment, temporary storage of vehicles and dining areas with no cooking.
4. Where determined by the Fire Chief that no major life safety hazard exists, and the fuel load does not pose a significant threat to firefighter safety or to other structures or property, automatic fire sprinklers may be exempted.

One- and two-family dwellings shall have an automatic fire sprinkler system regardless of square footage in accordance with the California Residential Code. Fire sprinkler systems shall be installed in mobilehomes, manufactured homes and multifamily manufactured homes with two dwelling units in accordance with Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations.

The following exceptions in the California Fire Code shall not be allowed:

- a. Exception in Section 903.2.3.
- b. Exception in Section 903.2.11.3.

2) Section 903.3.5.3 of the California Fire Code is added as follows:

903.3.5.3 Hydraulically calculated systems. The design of hydraulically calculated fire sprinkler systems shall not exceed 90% of the water supply capacity.

O. Designation of High-Piled Storage Areas.

Section 3204.2.1 is added to Section 3204.2 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

3204.2.1 Minimum requirements for client leased or occupant owned warehouses. Designs of an automatic sprinkler system for client leased or occupant owned buildings containing high pile storage shall be based on the requirements of NFPA 13. The responsible fire protection engineer shall perform a survey of the building to determine commodity classification, storage configuration, building height and other information related to the development of an appropriate sprinkler system design. The fire protection engineer shall also make reasonable efforts to meet with the building owner or operator to understand seasonal or customer related fluctuations to the stored commodities, storage height, and configuration. The sprinkler

design shall be based on the most demanding requirements determined through the onsite survey and discussions with the building owner or operator. The technical report shall describe the basis for determining the commodity and sprinkler design selection, how the commodities will be isolated or separated, and include referenced design document(s). If a specific fire test is used as the basis of design, a copy of the fire test report shall be provided at the time of plan review.

P. Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

Section 4904.2.1 is added to Section 4904 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

4904.2.1 High Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps. In accordance with Government Code Sections 51175 through 51189, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), located in the Local Responsibility Areas (LRA), are designated as shown on the most recently published VHFHSZ IN LRA map, as recommended and published by the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), which may be revised from time to time. The most recent VHFHSZ IN LRA map is on file at the office of the Fire Chief, which supersedes other maps previously adopted designating high fire hazard areas.

Q. Outdoor Public Fireworks Display Application

Section 5608.1.2 is added to Section 5608 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

5608.1.2 Application for Permit. State Fire Marshal Licensed Operators shall make application for Outdoor Public Fireworks Display to the City of La Quinta at least 21 days prior to the proposed event so as to provide adequate time for the City to make reasonable arrangements for community notification of the tentative event and impacts thereof.

R. Appendix B. Fire Flow Requirements for Buildings

Table B105.2 of the California Fire Code is amended as follows:

TABLE B105.2  
 REQUIRED FIRE-FLOW FOR BUILDINGS OTHER THAN ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, GROUP R-3 AND R-4 BUILDINGS AND TOWNHOUSES

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM (Design Standard)	MINIMUM FIRE-FLOW (gallons per minute)	FLOW DURATION (hours)
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No automatic sprinkler system	Value in Table B105.1(2)	Duration in Table B105.1(2)
Section 903.3.1.1 of the California Fire Code	50% of the value in Table B105.1(2) <sup>a</sup>	Duration in Table B105.1(2) at the reduced flow rate
Section 903.3.1.2 of the California Fire Code	50% of the value in Table B105.1(2) <sup>b</sup>	Duration in Table B105.1(2) at the reduced flow rate

For SI: 1 gallon per minute = 3.785 L/m.

<sup>a</sup> The reduced fire-flow shall be not less than 1,000 gallons per minute.

<sup>b</sup> The reduced fire-flow shall be not less than 1,500 gallons per minute.

### S. Appendix C. Fire Hydrant Locations and Distribution

Section C103.1 of the California Fire Code is amended to read as follows:

C103.1 Hydrant spacing. Fire apparatus access roads and public streets providing required access to buildings in accordance with Section 503 of the California Fire Code shall be provided with one or more fire hydrants, as determined by Section C102.1. Where more than one fire hydrant is required, the distance between required fire hydrants shall be in accordance with Sections C103.2 and C103.3. Fire hydrants shall be provided at street intersections.

19. Section 8.14.010, entitled “Adoption of the California Energy Code” shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the “2022 California Energy Code,” published by the California Building Standards Commission, are adopted to make businesses, homes, and appliances more energy efficient through the development and implementation of energy efficiency building practices.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

20. Section 8.15.010, entitled “Adoption of the California Historical Code” shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the “2022 California Historical Building Code,” published by the California Building Standards Commission, are adopted to facilitate the preservation and continuing use of qualified



historical buildings or properties while providing reasonable safety for the building occupants and access for persons with disabilities

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

21. Section 8.16.010, entitled "Adoption of the California Existing Building Code" shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the "2022 California Existing Building Code," published by the California Building Standards Commission, are adopted to promote public safety and welfare by reducing the risk or injury that may result from the effects of earthquakes on existing unreinforced masonry bearing wall buildings

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

22. Section 8.17.010, entitled "Adoption of the California Referenced Standards Code" shall be amended to read as follows:

Certain documents marked and designated as the "2022 California Referenced Standards Code," published by the California Building Standards Commission, are hereby adopted

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms therein, on file with the building official, are referenced and made a part hereof as if fully set out in this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

No changes to the remainder of Title 8.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ) ss.  
CITY OF LA QUINTA )

I, MONIKA RADEVA, City Clerk of the City of La Quinta, California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of Ordinance No. 604 which was introduced at a regular meeting on the 1<sup>ST</sup> day of November, 2022, and was adopted at a regular meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, not being less than 5 days after the date of introduction thereof.

I further certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted in three places within the City of La Quinta as specified in the Rules of Procedure adopted by City Council Resolution No. 2022-027.



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MONIKA RADEVA, City Clerk  
City of La Quinta, California

#### DECLARATION OF POSTING

I, MONIKA RADEVA, City Clerk of the City of La Quinta, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was posted on November 16, 2022, pursuant to Council Resolution.



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MONIKA RADEVA, City Clerk  
City of La Quinta, California