

ORDINANCE NO. 2150

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TEHAMA
REPEALING ALL OF TITLE 15 AND READOPTING TITLE 15 WITH CURRENT
GOVERNING CODES (2025) AND MID-CYCLE AMENDMENTS

Title 15 BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

Chapters:

Chapter 15.02 UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Sections:

ARTICLE I. TITLE, SCOPE AND GENERAL

15.02.110 Title.

This chapter shall be known and cited as the "Uniform Administrative Code" (hereinafter referred to as "code").

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.120 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide for the uniform administration and enforcement of the technical codes adopted by this jurisdiction.

The purpose of this code and the technical codes is not to create or otherwise establish or designate any particular class or group of persons who will or should be especially protected or benefited by the terms of this code.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.130 Scope.

The provisions of this code shall serve as the administrative, organizational and enforcement rules and regulations for the technical codes which regulate site preparation and construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, use and occupancy of buildings and structures and building service equipment within this jurisdiction. Except as specifically provided in Chapter 15.28, the provisions of this code shall also serve as the administrative, organizational and enforcement rules and regulations for the installation of mobilehomes and commercial coaches within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.140 Application to existing buildings and building service equipment.

- A. General. Buildings, structures and their building service equipment to which additions, alterations or repairs are made shall comply with all the requirements of the technical codes for new facilities, except as specifically provided in this section.
- B. Additions, Alterations and Repairs. Additions, alterations or repairs may be made to a building or its building service equipment without requiring the existing building or its building service equipment to comply with all the requirements of the technical codes, provided the addition, alteration or repair conforms to that required for a new building or building service equipment.

Additions or alterations shall not be made to an existing building or building service equipment which will cause the existing building or building service equipment to be in violation of the provisions of the technical codes nor shall such additions or alterations cause the existing building or building service equipment to become unsafe. An unsafe condition shall be deemed to have been created if an addition or alteration will cause the existing building or building service equipment to become structurally unsafe or overloaded; will not provide adequate egress in compliance with the provisions of the building code or will obstruct the existing exits; will create a fire hazard; will reduce required fire resistance; will cause building service equipment to become overloaded or exceed their rated capacities; will create a health hazard or will otherwise create conditions dangerous to human life. A building so altered, which involves a change in use or occupancy, shall not exceed the height, number of stories and area permitted by the building code for new buildings. A building plus new additions shall not exceed the height, number of stories and area specified by the building code for new buildings.

Additions or alterations shall not be made to an existing building or structure when the existing building or structure is not in full compliance with the provisions of the building code except when the addition or alteration will result in the existing building or structure being no more hazardous based on life safety, fire-safety and sanitation, than before such additions or alterations are undertaken.

EXCEPTION: Alteration of existing structural elements, or additions of new structural elements, which are not required by Section 15.02.140(d) and which are initiated for the purpose of increasing the lateral-force-resisting strength or stiffness of an existing structure need not be designed for forces conforming to these regulations provided that an engineering analysis is submitted to show that:

1. The capacity of existing structural elements required to resist forces is not reduced; and
2. The lateral loading to required existing structural elements is not increased beyond their capacity; and
3. New structural elements are detailed and connected to the existing structural elements as required by these regulations; and
4. New or relocated nonstructural elements are detailed and connected to existing or new structural elements as required by these regulations; and
5. An unsafe condition as defined above is not created.

Alterations or repairs to an existing building or structure which are nonstructural and do not adversely affect a structural member or a part of the building or structure having required fire resistance may be made with the same materials of which the building or structure is constructed, subject to approval by the building official. Installation or replacement of glass shall be as required for new installations.

Minor additions, alterations and repairs to existing building service equipment installations may be made in accordance with the technical code in effect at the time the original installation was made, subject to approval of the building official, and provided such additions, alterations and repairs will not cause the existing building service equipment to become unsafe, insanitary or overloaded.

- C. Existing Installations. Building service equipment lawfully in existence at the time of the adoption of the technical codes may have their use, maintenance or repair continued if the use, maintenance or repair is in

accordance with the original design and a hazard to life, health or property has not been created by such building service equipment.

- D. Existing Occupancy. Buildings in existence at the time of the adoption of the building code may have their existing use or occupancy continued if the use or occupancy was legal at the time of the adoption of the building code, and provided continued use is not dangerous to life, health and safety.

Any change in use or occupancy of any existing building or structure shall comply with the provisions of Section 15.02.390 of this code and Title 24 Part 10 of the California Existing Building Code.

- E. Maintenance. Buildings, structures and building service equipment, existing and new, and parts thereof shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Devices or safeguards which are required by the technical codes shall be maintained in conformance with the technical code under which installed. The owner or the owner's designated agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings, structures and their building service equipment. To determine compliance with this subsection, the building official may cause a structure to be reinspected.

- F. Moved Buildings. Alterations or repairs to buildings or structures moved into or within this jurisdiction that are nonstructural and do not adversely affect any structural member or any part of the building or structure having required fire resistance may be made with the same materials of which the building or structure is constructed, subject to approval by the building official. The installation or replacement of glass shall be as required for new installations.

Minor additions, alterations and repairs to moved building service equipment installations may be made in accordance with the technical codes in effect at the time the original installation was made, subject to the approval of the building official, and provided such additions, alterations and repairs will not cause the moved building service equipment to become unsafe, unsanitary or overloaded.

- G. Temporary Structures. Temporary structures such as reviewing stands and other miscellaneous structures, sheds and canopies, or fences used for the protection of the public around and in conjunction with construction work, may be erected by special permit from the building official for a limited period of time. Buildings or structures erected under a special permit need not comply with the type of construction or fire-resistive time periods required by the UBC. Temporary buildings or structures shall be completely removed upon the expiration of the time limit stated in the permit.
- H. Historic Buildings. Repairs, alterations and additions necessary for preservation, restoration, rehabilitation or continued use of a building, structure or its building service equipment shall be made in conformance with the State Historical Building Code, Part 8, Title 24, California Code of Regulations.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.150 Definitions.

For the purpose of this code, certain terms, phrases, words and their derivatives shall be construed as specified in this section. Where terms are not defined, they shall have their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context with which they are used. Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged, copyright 1986, shall be considered as providing ordinarily accepted meanings. Words used in the singular include the plural and the plural the singular. Words used in the masculine gender include the feminine and the feminine the masculine.

"Addition" is an extension or increase in floor area or height of a building or structure.

"Alter" or "alteration" is a change or modification in construction or building service equipment.

"Approved," as to materials, types of construction, equipment and systems, refers to approval by the building official as the result of investigation and tests conducted by the building official, or by reason of accepted principles or tests by recognized authorities, technical or scientific organizations.

"Approved agency" is an established and recognized agency engaged in conducting tests or furnishing inspection services, when the agency has been approved by the building official.

"Building" is a structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering a use or occupancy.

"Building code" is the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, also referred to as the California Building Standards Code, as adopted by the County of Tehama.

"Building department" shall mean the Tehama County Department of Building and Safety.

"Building, existing." "Existing building" shall mean a legally permitted building or structure that is: (a) currently listed on the tax assessor rolls, or (b) any building or structure for which construction was commenced before April 26, 1962, and completed by April 26, 1963.

"Building official" is the officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code. The terms "administrative authority," "code official," "responsible official," "chief inspector," "chief of the department of building and safety," or other similar designation shall be considered synonymous with the term building official as they appear in this code or the technical codes.

"Building service equipment" refers to the plumbing, mechanical, electrical and elevator equipment including piping, wiring, fixtures and other accessories which provide sanitation, lighting, heating, ventilation, cooling, refrigeration, fire-fighting and transportation facilities essential to the occupancy of the building or structure for its designated use.

"CBC" shall mean the current edition of the California Building Code

"County or jurisdiction" shall mean the County of Tehama when referring to a political entity, or an unincorporated area of said county when referring to area.

"Fire chief" shall mean the chief of the fire protection district or other special district maintaining a fire department pursuant to statutory authority to do so, wherein any building or structure is to be located, or in any area not within such district, the same shall mean the chief of the California Department of Forestry of the county.

"Listed" and "listing" are terms referring to equipment and materials which are shown in a list published by an approved testing agency, qualified and equipped for experimental testing and maintaining an adequate periodic inspection of current productions and which listings states that the material or equipment complies with accepted national standards which are approved, or standards which have been evaluated for conformity with approved standards.

"Occupancy" is the purpose for which a building, or part thereof, is used or intended to be used.

"Owner" is any person, agent, firm or corporation having a legal or equitable interest in the property.

"Permit" is an official document or certificate issued by the building official authorizing performance of a specified activity.

"Permittee" is the person to whom the permit has been issued; the legal owner of the property. This shall include any person to whom the permit has been transferred per Section 15.02.330(0).

"Person" is a natural person, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, and also includes firm, partnership or corporation, its or their successors or assigns, or the agent of any of the aforesaid.

"Repair" is the reconstruction or renewal of any part of an existing building, structure or building service equipment for the purpose of its maintenance.

"Shall," as used in this code, is mandatory.

"Structural observation" shall mean the visual observation of the structural system including but not limited to, the elements and connections at significant construction stages, and the completed structure for general conformance to the approved plans and specifications.

Structural observation does not include or waive the responsibility for the inspections required by Section 15.02.370.

"Structure" is that which is built or constructed, an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner.

"Technical codes" refers to the following codes adopted by the county of Tehama, which contain the provisions for design, construction, alteration, addition, repair, removal, demolition, use, location, occupancy and maintenance of buildings and structures and building service equipment as herein defined:

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.04, Building Code (hereinafter referred to as "building code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.06, Residential Code (hereinafter referred to as "residential code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.08, Housing Code (hereinafter referred to as "housing code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.10, Green Building Code (hereinafter referred to as "green building code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.12, Dangerous Buildings Code (hereinafter referred to as "dangerous buildings code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.16, Plumbing Code (hereinafter referred to as "plumbing code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.20, Electrical Code (hereinafter referred to as "electrical code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.22, Mechanical Code (hereinafter referred to as "mechanical code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.24, Swimming Pool Code (hereinafter referred to as "swimming pool code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.26, Sign Code (hereinafter referred to as "sign code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.28, Mobilehome Code (hereinafter referred to as "mobilehome code").

Tehama County Code Chapter 15.40, California Administrative Code (hereinafter referred to as "state administrative code").

"UBC" means the most recent edition of the Title 24 California Building Standards Code, as referenced in Tehama County Code, Chapter 15.04.

"UBC Standards" are those standards published in Title 24 California Building Standards Code promulgated by the International Code Council, as adopted by the county of Tehama.

"Valuation" or "value," as applied to a building and its building service equipment, shall be the estimated cost to replace the building and its building service equipment in kind, based on current replacement costs.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 2, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 2, 12-20-2022)

15.02.160 Conflicting provisions.

When conflicting provisions or requirements occur between this code, the technical codes and other codes or laws, the most restrictive shall govern.

When conflicts occur between the technical codes, those provisions providing the greater safety to life shall govern. In other conflicts where sanitation, life safety or fire-safety are not involved, the most restrictive provisions shall govern.

Where in a specific case different sections of the technical codes specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most restrictive shall govern. When there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall be applicable.

When conflicts occur between specific provisions of this code and administrative provisions in a technical code which is then applicable within this jurisdiction, the provisions of this code shall prevail.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.170 Alternate materials, methods of design and methods of construction.

The provisions of the technical codes are not intended to prevent the use of any material, method of design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by the technical codes, provided an alternate has been approved and its use authorized by the building official.

The building official may approve an alternate, provided the building official finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the provisions of the technical codes and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in the technical codes in suitability, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, safety and sanitation.

The building official shall require that sufficient evidence or proof be submitted to substantiate claims that may be made regarding its use. The details of an action granting approval of an alternate shall be recorded and entered in the files of the code enforcement agency.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.180 Modifications.

Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of the technical codes, the building official may grant modifications for individual cases. The building official shall first find that a special individual reason makes the strict letter of the technical code impractical, and the modification is in conformity with the intent and purpose of the technical code, and that such modification does not lessen health, life safety and fire-safety requirements or any degree of structural integrity. The details of actions granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the files of the code enforcement agency.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.190 Tests.

Whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of the technical codes or evidence that materials or construction do not conform to the requirements of the technical codes, the building official may require tests as evidence of compliance to be made at no expense to the jurisdiction.

Test methods shall be as specified by the technical codes or by other recognized tests standards. In the absence of recognized and accepted test methods, the building official shall determine test procedures.

Tests shall be made by an approved agency. Reports of such tests shall be retained by the building official for the period required for the retention of public records.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION AND ENFORCEMENT

15.02.210 Authority.

- A. Creation of Enforcement Agency. There is hereby established in this jurisdiction a code enforcement agency entitled department of building and safety which shall be responsible for the enforcement of this code and all technical codes and shall be under the administrative and operational control of the building official.
- B. General. The building official shall be designated by the board of supervisors of Tehama County and shall hold office at the pleasure of the board of supervisors. The building official shall coordinate and develop programs and policies for the consistent and uniform enforcement of these codes.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.220 Powers and duties of the building official.

- A. General. The building official is hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of this code and the referenced technical codes. For such purposes, the building official shall have the powers of a law enforcement officer. The building official shall have the power to render interpretations of this code and the referenced technical codes, and to adopt and enforce rules and regulations supplemental to this code as may be deemed necessary in order to clarify the application of the provisions of this code. Such interpretations, rules and regulations shall be in conformity with the intent and purpose of this code.
- B. Deputies. In accordance with prescribed procedures and with the approval of the appointing authority, the building official may appoint such number of technical officers and inspectors and other employees as shall be authorized from time to time. The building official may deputize such inspectors or employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the department of building and safety.
- C. Right of Entry. Whenever necessary to make inspection to enforce any provisions of this code and the technical codes or whenever the building official or an authorized representative has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in any building or upon any premises any condition or code violation which makes such building or premises unsafe, dangerous or hazardous, the building official or an authorized representative may enter such building or premises at all reasonable times to inspect the same or to perform any duty imposed upon the building official by such codes, provided that if such building or premises be occupied, that proper credentials be presented to the occupant and entry requested. If such building or premises be unoccupied, the building official or an authorized representative shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other persons having charge or control of the building or premises and request entry. Should entry be refused, the building official shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry.
- D. Stop Work Order. Whenever any work is being done contrary to the provisions of this code, the technical codes, or other pertinent laws or ordinances implemented through the enforcement of this code, the building official, or authorized representative may order the work stopped by notice in writing served on the persons engaged in the doing or causing such work to be done; and such persons shall forthwith stop the work until authorized by the building official to proceed with the work.
- E. Occupancy Violations. The occupancy or use of any building or structure prior to the final inspection or issuance of a certificate of occupancy is prohibited. When a building or structure or building service equipment therein regulated by this code and the technical codes is being used contrary to the provisions of such codes, the building official may order such use discontinued by written notice served on any person causing such use to be continued. Such person shall discontinue the use within the time prescribed by the building official after receipt of such notice to make the structure, or portion thereof, comply with the requirements of such codes. The building official shall cause the following actions to be taken:
 - 1. Notify, by first class mail, the current owner of record, the applicant for the building permit and any trust deed holders which are known to the department of the violation and the fact that such occupancy is potentially hazardous, and

2. Post the building or structure at all entrances and exits with a notice that substantially states the following:

DO NOT REMOVE THIS NOTICE. It is a violation of sub-section (e) of section 15.02.220 of the Tehama County Code to use or occupy this building or structure prior to the final inspection or issuance of a certificate of occupancy. THIS BUILDING HAS NOT PASSED A FINAL INSPECTION AND MAY HAVE LIFE AND FIRE SAFETY HAZARDS. A Notice of Noncompliance will be recorded on this property if the required final inspection and/or certificate of occupancy have not been secured within thirty (30) days. Removal of this notice by other than the Building Official or an authorized representative is a violation of Tehama County Code and may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

3. In those cases where the owner of the property fails to obtain the required final inspection and/or certificate of occupancy within thirty days of the posting of the building, the building official shall record a notice of noncompliance with the county recorder. The notice shall identify the property and set forth the fact that the building, structure or work does not have the required final inspection and/or certificate of occupancy and is in violation of county codes and that the owner has been so notified.
 4. When the final inspection and/or certificate of occupancy has been obtained for the building, structure or work, the building official shall record with the county recorder and provide to the property owner of record, a notice of cancellation certifying that the final inspection and/or certificate of occupancy has been issued and that the notice of noncompliance has been rescinded. This shall be done at the permittee's expense.
- F. Authority to Disconnect Utilities. The building official or authorized representative shall have the authority to disconnect a utility service or energy supplied to the building, structure or building service equipment therein regulated by this code or the technical codes in case of emergency where necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to life or property. The building official shall, whenever possible, notify the serving utility, the owner and occupant of the building, structure or building service equipment of the decision to disconnect prior to taking such action, and shall notify such serving utility, owner and occupant of the building, structure or building service equipment, in writing, of such disconnection immediately thereafter.
- G. Authority to Condemn Building Service Equipment. When the building official ascertains that building service equipment regulated in the technical codes has become hazardous to life, health or property, or has become insanitary, the building official shall order in writing that such equipment either be removed or restored to a safe or sanitary condition, as appropriate. The written notice itself shall fix a time limit for compliance with such order. Defective building service equipment shall not be maintained after receiving such notice.

When such equipment or installation is to be disconnected, a written notice of such disconnection and causes therefor shall be given within twenty-four hours to the serving utility, the owner and occupant of such building, structure or premises.

When any building service equipment is maintained in violation of the technical codes and in violation of a notice issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, the building official shall institute appropriate action to prevent, restrain, correct or abate the violation.

- H. Connection after Order to Disconnect. Persons shall not make connection from any energy, fuel or power supply nor supply energy or fuel to building service equipment which has been disconnected or ordered to be disconnected by the building official or the use of which has been ordered discontinued by the building official until the building official authorizes the reconnection and use of such equipment.

The building official shall have the right to withhold clearing building service equipment for hookup by the service agency if the owner or contractor refuses to comply with other ordinances affecting the structure as a whole.

- I. Liability. The building official, or an authorized representative charged with the enforcement of this code and the technical codes, acting in good faith and without malice in the discharge of the duties required therein, shall not thereby be rendered personally liable for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a

result of any act or by reason of any act or omission in the discharge of such duties. Any suit brought against the building official or employee because of such act or omission performed by the building official or employee in the enforcement of any provision of such codes or other pertinent laws or ordinances implemented through the enforcement of this code or enforced by the department of building and safety shall be defended by this jurisdiction until final termination of such proceedings, and any judgment resulting therefrom shall be assumed by this jurisdiction.

Such codes shall not be construed to relieve from or lessen the responsibility of any person owning, operating or controlling any building, structure or building service equipment therein for any damages to persons or property caused by defects, nor shall the department of building and safety or its parent jurisdiction be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspections authorized by this code or any permits or certificates issued under this code.

- J. Cooperation of Other Officials and Officers. The building official may request, and shall receive, the assistance and cooperation of other officials of this jurisdiction so far as is required in the discharge of the duties required by this code, the technical codes, or other pertinent laws or ordinances.
- K. Severability. This chapter and the various parts thereof are hereby declared to be severable. Should any section of this chapter be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the chapter as a whole, or any portion thereof other than the section so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.230 Unsafe buildings, structures or building service equipment.

Buildings or structures regulated by this code and the technical codes which are structurally inadequate or have inadequate egress, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life are, for the purpose of this section, unsafe buildings.

Building service equipment regulated by such codes, which constitutes a fire, electrical or health hazard, or an insanitary condition, or is otherwise dangerous to human life is, for the purpose of this section, unsafe. Use of buildings, structures or building service equipment constituting a hazard to safety, health or public welfare by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, disaster, damage or abandonment is, for the purpose of this section, an unsafe use.

Parapet walls, cornices, spires, towers, tanks, statuary and other appendages or structural members which are supported by, attached to, or a part of a building and which are in a deteriorated condition or otherwise unable to sustain the design loads which are specified in the building code are hereby designated as unsafe building appendages.

Unsafe buildings, structures or appendages and building service equipment are hereby declared to be public nuisances and shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or removal in accordance with the procedures set forth in the dangerous building code or such alternate procedure as may be adopted by this jurisdiction. As an alternative, the building official or other employee or official of this jurisdiction as designated by the board of supervisors may institute other appropriate action to prevent, restrain, correct or abate the violation.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.240 Board of appeals.

- A. General. In order to determine the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction and to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official relative to the application and interpretations of the technical codes, except as provided in Sections 15.12.250 and 15.34.040, there shall be and hereby created a board of appeals consisting of five members who are qualified

by experience and training to pass upon matters pertaining to building construction and building service equipment and who are not employees of this jurisdiction. The building official shall be an ex officio member and shall act as secretary to said board but shall have no vote upon any matter before the board. Each member of the board of supervisors shall nominate one member of the board of appeals and the entire board of supervisors shall appoint the board of appeals from such nominations. Each member of the board of appeals shall serve at the pleasure of the board of supervisors. The term of office of each member of the board of appeals shall expire upon expiration of the term of office of the supervisor nominating such member for appointment to the board of appeals. The board of appeals shall adopt rules of procedure for conducting its business and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with a duplicate copy to the building official.

- B. Limitation of Authority. The board of appeals shall have no authority relative to interpretation of the administrative provisions of this code or the administrative provisions of the technical codes nor shall the board be empowered to waive requirements of either this code or the technical codes.

(Ord. 1885 § 7, 2007)

(Ord. No. 1969, §§ 2, 3, 7-31-2012)

15.02.250 Violations and enforcement remedies.

- A. Violations. It shall be unlawful for a person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, convert or demolish, equip, use, occupy or maintain any building, structure or building service equipment, or cause or permit the same to be done, in violation of this code and the technical codes.
- B. Enforcement Remedies. Violations of this title may be prosecuted as misdemeanors subject to the penalties provided in Chapter 10.14. The building official may also seek injunctive relief and civil penalties in the superior court pursuant to Chapter 10.14 or pursue any administrative remedy provided in Chapter 10.14 of the Tehama County Code.
- C. Nonexclusive Remedies. The remedies provided herein are not exclusive, and are in addition to any other remedy or penalty provided by law.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

ARTICLE III. PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

15.02.310 Permits.

- A. Permits Required.
 - 1. Except as specified in subsection B of this section, no building, structure or building service equipment regulated by this code and the technical codes shall be erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, improved, removed, converted or demolished unless a separate, appropriate permit for each building, structure or building service equipment has first been obtained from the building official.
 - 2. In those cases where there has been a failure to secure the required permit or permits, the building official, acting thirty days after notifying by mail, the owner of the property, of the requirement for permits, shall record a notice of noncompliance with the county recorder. The notice shall identify the property and set forth the fact that the building, structure or work does not have the required permit or permits and is in violation of county codes and that the owner has been so notified. This shall be done in addition to any other legal remedy that the department may employ.

When a permit has been obtained for the building, structure or work the building official shall record with the county recorder and provide to the property owner of record, a notice of cancellation certifying that a permit has been issued and that the notice of noncompliance has been rescinded. This shall be done at the permittee's expense.

B. Exempted Work. A permit shall not be required for the types of work in each of the separate classes of permits as listed below. Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in violation of the provisions of the technical codes or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

1. Building Permits. A building permit shall not be required for the following:

Item 1. One-story detached residential accessory buildings used as tool or storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the structure is not located on a public utility easement or in front, rear and side setbacks required by the zoning code of Tehama County. The floor area shall not exceed one hundred twenty square feet. The structure shall be a minimum of six feet from the dwelling or accessory buildings.

Item 2. Fences not over six feet in height.

Item 3. Oil derricks.

Item 4. Movable cases, counters and partitions not over five feet nine inches high.

Item 5. Retaining walls which are not over four feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding flammable liquids.

Item 6. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed five thousand gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed two to one.

Item 7. Platforms, decks, walks and driveways not more than thirty inches above grade and not over any basement or story below, accessory to a Group R, Division 3 occupancy, and not subject to snow loading.

Item 8. Painting, papering and similar finish work.

Item 9. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.

Item 10. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall of a Group R, Division 3 and Group U occupancies when projecting not more than fifty-four inches.

Item 11. Prefabricated swimming pools, spas and hot tubs accessory to Group R, Division 3, or individual units of a Group R, Division 1 occupancy in which the pool walls are entirely above the adjacent grade and if the capacity does not exceed five thousand gallons.

Item 12. Playground equipment accessory to Group R, Division 3 occupancies.

Item 13. Tree houses not exceeding one hundred twenty square feet.

Item 14. Detached trellises or arbors accessory to Group R, Division 3 occupancies, provided the projected roof area does not exceed two hundred square feet.

Item 15. Reroofing limited to replacement of the roof covering, provided the area of reroofing does not exceed twenty-five percent of the total roof area in a one year period.

Item 16. An agricultural building, as defined in Section 202 of the CBC, provided that:

- a. It is not located in an area of special flood hazard;
- b. It does not have, within said building, workers or customers, bathrooms, assemblages, display of products, packaging or processing, sales, work stations or storage warehousing of processed products in quantity;

- c. It is located on a parcel of land one acre or more in size;
- d. It is located a minimum of twenty feet from any property line and a minimum of twenty-three feet from any dwelling; and
- e. An agricultural building exemption permit is applied for and obtained by the property owner or authorized agent. The fee for an agricultural exempt permit shall be as established by the latest fee ordinance of the board of supervisors.

For the purpose of this subsection, an agricultural exempt building is not a building any part of which is used as a place of human occupation, habitation, employment, recreation, or any commercial purposes, including by way of example, but not limited to, covered riding arenas, commercial stables, commercial feeding barns, fish hatchery facilities, wineries, sawmills, dairies, commercial green houses, warehouses and firewood storage structures.

Standards for agricultural exempt buildings: (1) Agricultural exempt buildings located on parcels of one to ten acres in size are limited to six hundred square feet in area and fifteen feet in height. Agricultural exempt buildings located on parcels in excess of ten acres are limited to twelve thousand square feet in area and twenty-five feet in height. (2) The ground floor of an agricultural exempt building shall be on grade and must be concrete, dirt or asphalt concrete. (3) Standard permits and inspections are required for electrical and plumbing installations. Electrical installations are limited to lights and not more than two 110v receptacles. Plumbing installations are limited to exterior hose bibbs and a clean up sink (commercial or residential rated). Mechanical installations are prohibited. Waste systems for plumbing installations require approvals from the department of environmental health, prior to issuance. (4) Exiting from agricultural exempt buildings shall be arranged so that no point in the building is more than three hundred feet from an exit. (5) An inspection shall be requested after the structure is built, and prior to expiration, to verify the location and usage of the building. (6) An agricultural building exemption permit shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the building authorized by such permit is not completed within one year of the date of issuance. Building plans will be required at the discretion of the Building Official per section 107 of the CBC.

Item 17. Seasonal fruit/vegetable stands, provided that:

- a. It is not located in an area of special flood hazard;
- b. It is located on premises controlled by the producer. For the purpose of this subsection, "producer" means a person or entity who produces shell eggs, fruits, nuts, or vegetables by practice of the agricultural arts upon land that the person or entity controls (Health and Safety Code Section 114340 b);
- c. The floor area does not exceed one hundred twenty square feet;
- d. It has no permanent utility connections;
- e. It does not remain on the premises for more than one hundred eighty consecutive days; and
- f. A temporary building certification is applied for and obtained by the property owner or authorized agent. The fee for a temporary building certification shall be as established by the latest fee ordinance of the board of supervisors.

Item 18. Shipping containers, provided that:

- a. It is not located in an area of special flood hazard;
- b. It is not located on a slope of more than eight percent;
- c. It has no permanent utility connections;
- d. It is used for storage purposes only; and

- e. A temporary building certification is applied for and obtained by the property owner or authorized agent. The fee for a temporary building certification shall be as established by the latest fee ordinance of the board of supervisors. The number of shipping containers allowed on a parcel shall be one per every five acres.

Unless otherwise exempted by this code, separate plumbing, electrical, and mechanical permits will be required for the above exempted items.

2. Plumbing Permits. A plumbing permit shall not be required for the following:

Item 1. The stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided, however, that should any concealed trap, drainpipe, soil, waste or vent pipe become defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, the same shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be procured and inspections made as provided in the plumbing code.

Item 2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, nor for the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

3. Electrical Permits. An electrical permit shall not be required for the following:

Item 1. Portable motors or other portable appliances energized by means of a cord or cable having an attachment plug end to be connected to an approved receptacle when that cord or cable is permitted by the electrical code.

Item 2. Repair or replacement of fixed motors, transformers or fixed approved appliances of the same type of rating in the same location.

Item 3. Temporary decorative lighting.

Item 4. Repair or replacement of current-carrying parts of any switch, contactor or control device.

Item 5. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets therefore.

Item 6. Repair or replacement of any over-current device of the required capacity in the same location.

Item 7. Repair or replacement of electrodes or transformers of the same size and capacity for signs or gas tube systems.

Item 8. Taping joints.

Item 9. Removal of electrical wiring.

Item 10. Temporary wiring for experimental purposes in suitable experimental laboratories.

Item 11. The wiring for temporary theater, motion picture or television stage sets.

Item 12. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than twenty-five volts and not capable of supplying more than fifty watts of energy.

Item 13. Low energy power, control and signal circuits of Classes II and III as defined in the electrical code.

Item 14. A permit shall not be required for the installation, alteration or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment or the generation, transmission, distribution or metering of electrical energy or in the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence by a public or private utility in the exercise of its function as a serving utility.

4. Mechanical Permits. A mechanical permit shall not be required for the following:

Item 1. Any portable heating appliance.

Item 2. Any portable ventilating equipment

Item 3. Any portable cooling unit.

Item 4. Any portable evaporative cooler.

Item 5. Any closed system of steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by the mechanical code.

Item 6. Replacement of any component part or assembly of an appliance that does not alter its original approval and complies with other applicable requirements of the technical codes.

Item 7. Refrigerating equipment which is part of the equipment for which a permit has been issued pursuant to the requirements of the technical codes.

Item 8. Unit refrigerating system as defined in the mechanical code.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.320 Application for permit.

- A. Application. To obtain a permit, the applicant shall first file an application in writing on a form furnished by the department of building and safety or submit online using our customer service portal for that purpose. Every such application shall:
1. Identify and describe the work to be covered by the permit for which application is made.
 2. Describe the land on which the proposed work is to be done by legal description, assessor's parcel number, street address or similar description that will readily identify and definitely locate the proposed building or work.
 3. Indicate the use or occupancy for which the proposed work is intended.
 4. Be accompanied by plans, diagrams, computations, specifications and other data as required by subsection B of this section.
 5. State the valuation of any new building or structure or any addition, remodeling or alteration to an existing building.
 6. Be signed by the permittee or an authorized agent.
 7. Give such other data and information as may be required by the building official.
- B. Submittal Documents. Plans, specifications, engineering calculations, diagrams, soil investigation reports, special inspection and structural observation programs and other data shall constitute the submittal documents and shall be submitted in one or more sets with each application for a permit. When such plans are not prepared by an architect or engineer, the building official may require the applicant submitting such plans or other data to demonstrate that state law does not require that the plans be prepared by a licensed architect or engineer. The building official may require plans, computations and specifications to be prepared and designed by an engineer or architect licensed by the state to practice such even if not required by state law.
- Exception: The building official may waive the submission of plans, calculations, construction inspection requirements, and other data if it is found that the nature of the work applied for is such that reviewing of plans is not necessary to obtain compliance with this code.
- C. Information on Plans and Specifications. Plans and specifications shall be drawn to scale upon substantial paper or cloth and shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that it will conform to the provisions of this code and all relevant laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

Plans for buildings more than two stories in height of other than Group R, Division 3 and Group U Occupancies shall indicate how required structural and fire-resistive integrity will be maintained where penetrations will be made for electrical, mechanical, plumbing and communication conduits, pipes and similar systems.

D. Architect or Engineer of Record.

1. General. When it is required that documents be prepared by an architect or engineer, the building official may require the owner to engage and designate on the building permit application an architect or engineer who shall act as the architect or engineer of record. If the circumstances require, the owner may designate a substitute architect or engineer of record who shall perform all of the duties required of the original architect or engineer of record. The building official shall be notified in writing by the owner if the architect or engineer of record is changed or is unable to continue to perform the duties.

The architect or engineer of record shall be responsible for reviewing and coordinating all submittal documents prepared by others, including deferred submittal items, for compatibility with the design of the building.

2. Deferred Submittals. For the purposes of this section, deferred submittals are defined as those portions of the design that are not submitted at the time of the application and which are to be submitted to the building official within a specified period.

Deferral of any submittal items shall have approval of the building official. The architect or engineer of record shall list the deferred submittal documents on the plans and shall submit the deferred submittal documents for review by the building official.

Submittal documents for deferred submittal items shall be submitted to the architect or engineer of record who shall review them and forward them to the building official with a notation indicating that the deferred submittal documents have been reviewed and that they have been found to be in general conformance with the design of the building. The deferred submittal items shall not be installed until their design and submittal documents have been approved by the building official.

- E. Inspection and Observation Program. When special inspection is required by CBC Section 1701, the architect or engineer of record shall prepare an inspection program that shall be submitted to the building official for approval prior to issuance of the building permit. The inspection program shall designate the portions of the work to have special inspection, and the name or names of the individuals or firms who are to perform the special inspections and indicate the duties of the special inspectors.

The special inspector shall be employed by the owner, the engineer or architect of record, or an agent of the owner, but not the contractor or any other person responsible for the work.

When structural observation is required by CBC Chapter 17, the inspection program shall name the individuals or firms who are to perform structural observation and describe the stages of construction at which structural observation is to occur.

The inspection program shall include samples of inspection reports and provide time limits for submission of reports.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.330 Permit issuance.

- A. Issuance. The application, plans, specifications, computations and other data filed by an applicant for permit shall be reviewed by the building official or his or her authorized representative. Such plans may be reviewed by other departments of this jurisdiction to verify compliance with any applicable laws under their jurisdiction. If the building official finds that the work described in an application for a permit and the plans, specifications and other data filed therewith conform to the requirements of this code and the technical

codes and other pertinent laws and ordinances and that the fees, as set forth in the fee ordinance as approved by the board of supervisors have been paid, the permit shall be issued.

When a permit is issued, where plans are required, the plans and specifications shall be endorsed in writing or stamped "APPROVED." Such approved plans and specifications shall not be changed, modified or altered without authorizations from the building official; and all work regulated by this code shall be done in accordance with the approved plans.

The building official may issue a permit for the construction of part of a building, structure or building service equipment before the entire plans and specifications for the whole building, structure or building service equipment have been submitted or approved, provided adequate information and detailed statements have been filed complying with all pertinent requirements of the technical codes. The holder of such permit shall proceed without assurance that the permit for the entire building, structure or building service equipment will be granted.

- B. Retention of Plans. One set of approved plans and computations shall be retained by the building official for a period of not less than ninety days from the date of completion of the work covered therein; one set of approved plans shall be returned to the applicant and shall be kept on the site of the building or work at all times during which the work authorized thereby is in progress.
- C. Validity of Permit. The issuance of a permit or approval of plans, specifications and computations shall not be construed to be a permit for, or approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of this code or the technical codes or of any other ordinance of this jurisdiction. Permits presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code, the technical codes or other ordinances of this jurisdiction shall not be valid.

The issuance of a permit based upon plans, specifications and other data shall not prevent the building official from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in said plans, specifications and other data or from preventing building operations being carried on thereunder when in violation of these codes or of any other ordinances of this jurisdiction.

- D. Transfer of Permit. If a parcel of real property is conveyed after a building permit has been issued and the work on the property has been started but not completed, the new owner of the property shall request a transfer of the permit(s) to his or her name and shall assume full responsibility for the work authorized by the permit(s). A transfer fee as specified by the latest fee ordinance of the board of supervisors shall be paid by the new owners upon application for a permit transfer.
- E. Suspension or Revocation. The building official may, in writing, suspend or revoke a permit issued under the provisions of this code and the technical codes when the permit is issued in error or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code or the technical codes.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.340 Prerequisites to permit issuance.

- A. Sewage Disposal. No permit shall be issued for any building or structure for which an individual sewage disposal system is required, until the building official is satisfied that an adequate sewage disposal system exists, or a septic permit is issued therefor.
- B. Potable Water. No permit shall be issued for any building or structure for which a potable source of water is required, until the building official is satisfied that the source of water is either an approved on-site well or an approved public or community water system.
- C. Existing Law or Ordinance. No permit shall be issued until the building official is satisfied that the construction authorized by the permit will not violate any existing law or ordinance.
- D. Frontage Improvements.

1. No building permit for the development of any parcel of land which abuts public streets, and is within an R-3, R-4, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, M-1 or M-2 zone, as shown on the appropriate county zoning map, shall be issued for improvements valued at six thousand dollars or more, as determined by the department of building and safety or as shown on a signed contract, until such time as the county engineer certifies the following:
 - a. That any portion of the parcel needed to conform to the public road width standard of Tehama County land division standards has been dedicated to the county by the owner of the parcel.
 - b. That frontage improvements, consisting of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, roadways and drainage facilities, as required by the current Tehama County land division standards, will be provided for in one of the following ways:
 - i. Such improvements have been installed in conformance with the land division standards at no cost to the county, and in accordance with approved plans, specifications and encroachment permit;
 - ii. Such improvements will be installed at no cost to the county in accordance with the approved plans, specifications, encroachment permit and performance bond provided therefor. All improvements shall be designed and constructed in conformance with the land division standards and shall be installed prior to occupancy of the parcel as part of the development approval applied for;
 - iii. The owner or developer has paid to the county road fund the full cost of said improvements, as estimated by the department of public works. Such payment shall remain in a specific account in the road fund until such time as the department of public works determines that it has become feasible to construct said improvements in conjunction with other improvements being constructed on that same road or any adjacent road. Satisfying the public improvement requirements under this subsection may be permitted only when topographic, drainage or other extenuating circumstances warrant a deferment of such improvements.
2. Public Policy Findings. The board of supervisors hereby makes the following public policy findings:
 - a. That the county has experienced and is experiencing increases in populations, area growth and development, the direct result of which is to render some existing public streets inadequate to properly provide for vehicular and pedestrian traffic and storm drainage, thus impairing the public safety, health and general welfare;
 - b. That such inadequacy is and will continue to be further amplified by the continued and increasing development of parcels of land abutting such public streets unless some provisions are made for street widening and installation of frontage improvements which will accommodate the increased traffic burden occasioned by such development;
 - c. That the public welfare also requires that every structure have sufficient and permanent access to an adequate improved public street;
 - d. That the frontage improvements which will provide for such access and accommodate such increased traffic burden consist of widening and paving of such public streets at the location of such abutting property and the installation of sidewalks, including curbs, gutters, storm drainage facilities and driveways, to the extent that such parcels abut such public streets;
 - e. That the board of supervisors has by Resolution No. 113-1971, adopted "land division standards," showing its best considered judgment of widths and cross-sections to which the public streets of the county should be constructed in order to properly preserve the public safety and general welfare; said streets are classified as major, collector, local and cul-de-sac streets;

- f. That the general public has a vested interest in the capacity of public streets to provide for existing traffic and should not bear the cost of providing facilities for increased capacity which is required by the further development of abutting parcels of land;
- g. That the cost and expense of alleviating the increased traffic burden required by the further development of abutting parcels of land should be borne by those who cause such increased traffic burden by such further development; and such cost should be borne in a fair and equitable manner; and
- h. That the most equitable manner of spreading such costs is to require the owner of each parcel of land abutting a public street to dedicate the required right-of-way and install frontage improvements to provide for the increased traffic burden occasioned by further development of his abutting parcel of land, to the extent that his parcel does abut such street and to require such installation at the sole cost and expense of the owner as a condition precedent to the issuance of a permit to develop such abutting property;
- i. That those improvements valued at less than six thousand dollars, as determined by the department of building and safety or as shown on a signed contract are less likely to result in an increased traffic burden than more expensive improvements; and such less expensive improvements should be exempt for reasons of equity and administrative convenience from a requirement to dedicate a right-of-way and install frontage improvements prior to the issuance of a permit for development.

E. Appeal.

1. Generally. Any finding, ruling or decision made in the administration of this chapter shall be considered as an administrative decision and shall be subject to appeal by any interested person using the procedures set out in this section.
2. Conditions for Appeal. When it is found in a particular situation that practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships or results inconsistent with the purposes and intent of this subsection will result from the strict application of these requirements, an appeal may be made to the building department board of appeals, within ten days from such action. Said appeal must be made in writing and presented to the building official. The building official shall schedule a hearing within ten working days of the date the request for appeal is received.
3. Appeal to Board of Supervisors. If a property owner or developer is dissatisfied with an action of the board of appeals, he or she may, within fifteen days after such action, appeal in writing to the board of supervisors. Also within said fifteen-day period, the board of appeals shall forward the documents to the board of supervisors for review. The board may continue such appeal from time to time, not to exceed fifteen days from the date of first appeal, without mutual consent. At the time fixed for the appeal, the board shall hear testimony of representatives of the board of appeals or any witnesses on its behalf and any parties at interest.
4. Determination of the Board. The board of supervisors shall consider the record and such additional evidence as may be offered and may affirm, reverse or modify, in whole or in part, the order, requirement, decision, recommendation, interpretation or ruling appealed from. Or the board of supervisors may make and substitute such other or additional decision or determination as it may find warranted under law and facts, or refer the matter back to the board of appeals to weigh any additional facts presented.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.350 Expiration.

- A. Expiration of Plan Review. Applications for which no permit is issued within six months following the date of application shall expire by limitation, and plans and other data submitted for review may thereafter be

returned to the applicant or destroyed by the building official. The building official may extend the time for action by the applicant for a period not exceeding six months on written request by the applicant showing that circumstances beyond control of the applicant have prevented action from being taken. An application shall not be extended more than once. An application shall not be extended if this code or any other pertinent laws or ordinances have been amended subsequent to the date of application. In order to renew action on an application after expiration, the applicant shall resubmit plans and pay a new plan review fee.

B. Expiration of Permit.

1. Time Period. Except as specified in Section 15.28.060, every permit issued by the building official under the provisions of the technical codes shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the building or work authorized by such permit is not completed, with a final inspection approval and a certificate of occupancy, where required by this code, within two years from the date of issuance. Any permittee holding an unexpired permit may apply for an extension of a current permit for a one-year extension period. The maximum allowable total permit time period shall not exceed three years.
2. Extensions. Requests for extension on an unexpired permit must be made in writing by the permittee showing that circumstances beyond the control of the permittee have prevented action from being taken. The fee for extension of a nonexpired permit shall be as set forth in the fee ordinance as approved by the board of supervisors.
3. Renewal of an Expired Permit. An expired permit may be renewed within thirty days after the expiration date provided that the permittee has acted in good faith to diligently pursue construction prior to permit expiration and pays the appropriate renewal fee. The fee for renewal shall be as set forth in the fee ordinance as approved by the board of supervisors. The life of a renewed permit shall be two years, and the time shall start from the same day and month that the permit was originally issued and the year that it is required to be renewed. A renewed permit shall remain subject to the codes in effect at the time of the original permit. All provisions of suspension and abandonment stated above shall apply to renewed permits.
4. Void Permits. Permits which have expired by limitation and which have not obtained valid renewal as set forth in subsection (B)(3) of this section shall require the issuance of a new building permit and the payment of the plan check and building permit fees applying to new construction at the time of re-issuance.
5. Notices. The building official shall notify the permittee of the expiration date and the time provisions of this chapter by the attachment of a copy of this section to the permit at the time of issuance. In those cases where the permittee takes no action to apply for a renewal as provided for in this section, the building official, acting thirty days after the date of expiration, shall record a notice of noncompliance with the county recorder. The notice shall identify the property and set forth the fact that the building or work has not had a final inspection approval from the building department and that the owner has been so notified.

When a new permit has been obtained to complete the building or work of the original permit, as allowed under this section, the building official shall record with the county recorder's office and provide to the property owner of record, a notice of cancellation certifying that a new permit has been issued and the notice of noncompliance has been rescinded. This shall be done at the permittee's expense.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.360 Fees.

- A. Fees. The board of supervisors shall adopt fees for construction permits, plan review, inspections, investigations and related activities of the department of building and safety. Such fees shall be fixed from time to time by ordinance. The fees adopted pursuant to this section shall supersede the fee tables and formulas contained in the model codes adopted in this title.

- B. Plan Review Fees. When submittal documents are required by subsection B of Section 15.02.320, a plan review deposit shall be paid at the time of submitting the submittal documents for plan review. Said plan review deposit shall be determined by the building official and shall be an estimated portion of the plan review fee as set forth in the fee schedule adopted by this jurisdiction.

The plan review fees are separate fees from the permit fees specified in subsection A of Section 15.02.360 and are in addition to the permit fees.

When submittal documents are incomplete or changed so as to require additional plan review or when the project involves deferred submittal items as defined in subsection D of Section 15.02.320, an additional plan review fee shall be charged at the rate prescribed in the fee schedule adopted by this jurisdiction.

C. Investigation Fees-Work Without a Permit.

1. Investigation. Whenever work for which a permit is required by this code has been commenced without first obtaining a permit, the building official may require a special investigation to determine the scope and extent of such work, before a permit may be issued.
2. Investigation Fee. An investigation fee, in addition to the permit fee, and any penalty fee, shall be collected whether or not a permit is then or subsequently issued provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to emergency work when it is proven to the satisfaction of the building official that such work was urgently necessary and that it was not practical to obtain a permit before commencement of the work. In all such cases, a permit must be obtained as soon as it is practical to do so; and, if there is an unreasonable delay in obtaining such permit, the investigation fee as herein provided shall be charged. The investigation fee shall be as prescribed in the latest fee ordinance as approved by the board of supervisors. The payment of such investigation fee shall not exempt any person from compliance with other provisions of this code, the technical codes nor from any penalty prescribed by law.
3. Penalty Fee. Whenever work for which a permit is required by this code has commenced without first obtaining a permit, and it is determined that the work was not an emergency as described above, a penalty fee, in addition to the permit fee, shall be collected whether or not a permit is subsequently issued. The minimum penalty fee shall be equal to the amount of the permit fee as required in subsection A of this section. The payment of such penalty fee shall not exempt an applicant from compliance with all other provisions of either this code or the technical codes, nor from any other penalty prescribed by law.

D. Fee Refunds.

1. Fees Paid in Error. The building official may authorize the refunding of any fee paid hereunder that was erroneously paid or collected.
2. Permit Fees. The building official may authorize the refunding of not more than eighty percent of the total permit fee paid when no work has been done under a permit issued in accordance with this code.
3. Plan Review Fees. The building official may authorize the refunding of not more than eighty percent of the plan review fee paid when an application for a permit for which a plan review fee has been paid is withdrawn or canceled before any plan reviewing has been done.

The building official shall not authorize the refunding of any fee paid except upon written application filed by the original applicant not later than one hundred eighty days after the date of fee payment.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.361 Valuation.

The determination of value or valuation under any of the provisions of this code shall be made by the building official. The valuation may be determined based upon building valuation data published annually by the

International Code Council or more recent valuation data so published. At the discretion of the building official, the valuation may be determined using the signed contract cost for the project. The value shall be the total value of all construction work for which the permit is issued as well as all finish work, painting, roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, elevators, fire-extinguishing systems and other permanent equipment.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.370 Inspections.

- A. General. All construction work for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by the building official or authorized representative, and all such construction or work shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until approved by the building official or authorized representative. In addition, certain types of construction shall have continuous inspections as specified in Chapter 17 of the CBC.

Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code, the technical codes, nor of any other ordinances of this jurisdiction. Inspections presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code, the technical codes, or other ordinances of this jurisdiction shall not be valid.

It shall be the duty of the permit applicant or contractor to cause the work to remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes. Neither the building official nor this jurisdiction shall be liable for expense entailed in the removal or replacement of any material required to allow inspection.

A survey of the lot may be required by the building official, at the expense of the permit holder, to verify that the structure is located in accordance with the approved plans.

- B. Inspection Record Card. Work requiring a permit shall not be commenced until the permit holder or an agent of the permit holder shall have posted or otherwise made available an inspection record card such as to allow the building official or authorized representative to obtain all necessary information and to conveniently make all required entries thereon regarding inspection of the work. This card shall be maintained available by the permit holder until final approval has been granted by the building official or authorized representative.
- C. Inspection Requests. It shall be the duty of the person doing the work authorized by a permit to notify the building department that such work is ready for inspection. The building official may require that every request for an inspection be filed at least one working day before such inspection is desired. Such requests may be in writing or by telephone at the option of the building official.

It shall be the duty of the person requesting any inspection required either by this code or the technical codes to provide access to and means for inspection of the work.

- D. Approval Required. Work shall not be done beyond the point indicated in each successive inspection without obtaining the approval of the building official. The building official or authorized representative, upon notification, shall make the requested inspections and shall either indicate that the portion of the construction is satisfactory as completed or shall notify the permit holder or an agent of the permit holder wherein the same fails to comply with this code or the technical codes. Any portions that do not comply shall be corrected and such portion shall not be covered or concealed until authorized by the building official or authorized representative.

There shall be a final inspection and approval of all buildings and structures when completed and ready for occupancy and use.

- E. Required Building Inspections. Reinforcing steel or structural framework of any part of any building or structure shall not be covered or concealed without first obtaining the approval of the building official or authorized representative.

The building official or authorized representative, upon notification, shall make the following inspections:

1. Foundation Inspection. To be made after excavations for footings are completed and any required reinforcing steel is in place. For concrete foundations, any required forms shall be in place prior to inspection. All materials for the foundation shall be on the job, except when concrete ready-mixed in accordance with CBC Chapter 19, the concrete need not be on the job. Where the foundation is to be constructed of approved treated wood, additional inspections may be required by the building official.
 2. Concrete Slab or Under-Floor Inspection. To be made after all in-slab or under-floor building service equipment, conduit, piping accessories and other ancillary equipment items are in place but before any concrete is placed or floor sheathing installed, including the sub floor.
 3. Frame Inspection. To be made after the roof, all framing, fire blocking and bracing are in place and all pipes, chimneys and vents are complete and the rough electrical, plumbing, and heating wires, pipes, and ducts are installed.
 4. Lath and/or Wallboard Inspection. To be made after all lathing and wallboard, interior and exterior, is in place but before any plastering is applied or before wallboard joints and fasteners are taped and finished.
 5. Final Inspection. To be made after finish grading and the building is completed and ready for occupancy.
- F. Required Building Service Equipment Inspections.
1. General. All building service equipment for which a permit is required by this code shall be inspected by the building official or authorized representative. Building service equipment intended to be concealed by a permanent portion of the building shall not be concealed until inspected and approved. When the installation of building service equipment is complete, an additional and final inspection shall be made. Building service equipment regulated by the technical codes shall not be connected to the water, fuel or power supply or sewer system until authorized by the building official or authorized representative.
 2. Operation of Building Service Equipment. The requirements of this section shall not be considered to prohibit the operation of building service equipment installed to replace existing building service equipment serving an occupied portion of the building in the event a request for inspection of such building service equipment has been filed with the building department not more than forty-eight hours after the replacement work is completed, and before any portion of such building service equipment is concealed by permanent portions of the building.
- G. Required Mobilehome Installation Inspections. All mobilehome installations for which a permit is required by this code shall be inspected by the building official or authorized representative. Mobilehomes shall not be connected to fuel or power supply until authorized by the building official or authorized representative.
- H. Other Inspections. In addition to the called inspections specified above, the building official may make or require other inspections of construction work to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this code or technical codes and other laws which are enforced by the department of building and safety.
- I. Reinspections. A reinspection fee may be assessed for each inspection or reinspection when such portion of work for which inspection is called is not completed or when corrections called for are not made.

This section is not to be interpreted as requiring reinspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of the technical codes, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspections before the job is ready for such inspection or reinspection.

Reinspection fees may be assessed when the inspection record card is not posted or otherwise available on the work site, the approved plans are not readily accessible to the inspector, for failure to provide access on the date for which inspection is requested, or for deviating from plans requiring the approval of the building official.

To obtain a reinspection, the applicant shall first pay the reinspection fee in accordance with the current fee schedule adopted by this jurisdiction, and then request an inspection in accordance with subsection C of Section 15.02.360.

In instances where reinspection fees have been assessed, additional inspection of the work will not be performed until the required fees have been paid.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.380 Connections to utilities.

- A. Energy Connections. Persons shall not make connections from a source of energy, fuel or power to any building service equipment which is regulated by the technical codes and for which a permit is required by this code, until approved by the building official.
- B. Temporary Connections. The building official may authorize the temporary connection of the building service equipment to the source of energy, fuel or power for the purpose of construction power, or for testing building service equipment, or for use under a temporary certificate of occupancy.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.02.390 Certificate of occupancy.

- A. Use or Occupancy. Buildings or structures shall not be used or occupied nor shall a change in the existing occupancy classification of a building or structure or portion thereof be made until the building official has issued a certificate of occupancy therefor as provided herein. Issuance of a certificate of occupancy shall not be construed as an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of this jurisdiction. Certificates presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of this jurisdiction shall not be valid.

Exception: Group U occupancies.

- B. Prerequisites to a Certificate of Occupancy. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued until the building official is satisfied that all required clearances have been granted from the appropriate agencies for roadway encroachment, water systems, sewer systems and the fire department requirements.
- C. Change in Use. Changes in the character or use of a building shall not be made except as specified in Part 10 of Existing Building Code.
- D. Certificate Issued. After the building official, or authorized representative inspects the building or structure and finds no violations of the provisions of this code, the technical codes, or other laws that are enforced by the department of building and safety, a certificate of occupancy shall be issued which shall contain the following:
 - 1. The building permit number.
 - 2. The address of the building.
 - 3. The name and address of the owner.
 - 4. A description of that portion of the building for which the certificate is issued.
 - 5. A statement that the described portion of the building has been inspected for compliance with the requirements of this code for the group and division of occupancy and the use for which the proposed occupancy is classified.
 - 6. The name of the building official or authorized representative.

- E. Temporary Certificate.

1. If the building official finds that no substantial hazard will result from occupancy of any building or portion thereof before the same is completed, a temporary certificate of occupancy may be issued for the use of a portion or portions of a building or structure prior to the completion of the entire building or structure. Under no circumstances will a temporary certificate of occupancy be allowed for incomplete code-related items, including but not limited to stair/balcony guardrails, egress to the building, smoke detectors, fire-resistive construction and exterior siding.
 2. Temporary certificate of occupancy may be issued only in the following instances:
 - a. When all clearances have been granted for water, sewer, road encroachment and fire department.
 - b. When the owner has posted a surety deposit in the form of irrevocable letter of credit, cash or bonding approved by the building official equal to one percent of the permit valuation. The minimum required deposit is seven hundred fifty dollars. The maximum required deposit is three thousand dollars.
 - c. Upon written request to the building official stating the reasons for temporary occupancy and payment of the required fee as established in the fee ordinance adopted by the board of supervisors.
 3. Temporary occupancy shall not exceed one hundred eighty consecutive days. Failure to obtain a final inspection within the agreed time established by the temporary certificate of occupancy shall require the vacancy of the building or structure and forfeiture of the surety deposit.
 4. No temporary occupancy shall be granted that would extend the life of the permit beyond that established in subsection B of Section 15.02.350.
- F. Posting. The certificate of occupancy shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises and shall not be removed except by the building official.
- Exception: Group R, Division 3, and Group U Occupancies.
- G. Revocation. The building official may, in writing, suspend or revoke a certificate of occupancy issued under the provisions of this code when the certificate is issued in error, or on the basis of incorrect information, or when it is determined that the building or structure or portion thereof is in violation of an ordinance, regulation or the provisions of this code.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

Chapter 15.04 BUILDING CODE

Sections:

15.04.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County building code."

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.04.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all buildings and structures within this jurisdiction and certain equipment specifically regulated herein.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.04.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, incorporating the International Building Code, current Edition, as referenced in and adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935, (hereinafter referred to as the "IBC"), and the its appendices, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, all construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, and use of any building or structure within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the IBC.

There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 1894 § 2, 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 4, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 4, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.06 RESIDENTIAL CODE

Sections:

15.06.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County Residential Code."

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 23, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 23, 12-20-2022)

15.06.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum requirements and standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all residential buildings and structures within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 23, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 23, 12-20-2022)

15.06.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Residential Code and Appendix, Title 24, Part 2.5 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, incorporating the International Building Code, 2021 Edition, as referenced in and adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935, (hereinafter referred to as the "IBC"), and its appendices are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, all construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, and use of any building or structure within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the

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state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the IBC, and the specified appendices.

There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 23, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 23, 12-20-2022)

15.06.040 Amendments.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15.06.030, the 2025 California Residential Code, Appendix Chapter CI, Section 100 adopted pursuant to Section 15.06.030 is amended to read as follows:

Appendix CI, Section 100, subsection 115922(a) is amended to read as follows: Except as provided in Section 115925, when a building permit is issued for the construction of a new swimming pool or spa or the remodeling of an existing swimming pool or spa at a private single-family home, the respective swimming pool or spa shall be equipped with at least two of the following seven drowning prevention safety features, provided that one of the two required safety features shall consist of an enclosure or safety cover as described in items 1, 2, and 3 below:

1. An enclosure that meets the requirements of Section 115923 and isolates the swimming pool or spa from the private single-family home.
2. Removable mesh fencing that meets American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Specifications F2286 standards in conjunction with a gate that is self-closing and self-latching and can accommodate a key lockable device.
3. An approved safety pool cover, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 115921.
4. Exit alarms on the private single-family home's doors that provide direct access to the swimming pool or spa. The exit alarm may cause either an alarm noise or a verbal warning, such as a repeating notification that "the door to the pool is open."
5. A self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than fifty-four inches above the floor on the private single-family home's door providing direct access to the swimming pool or spa.
6. An alarm that, when placed in a swimming pool or spa will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. The alarm shall meet and be independently certified to the ASTM Standard F2208 "Standard Safety Specification for Residential Pool Alarms," which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser and infrared type alarms. A swimming protection alarm feature designed for individual use, including an alarm attached to a child that sounds when the child exceeds a certain distance or becomes submerged in water, is not a qualifying drowning prevention safety feature.
7. Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the features set forth above and has been independently verified by an approved testing laboratory as meeting standards for those features established by the ASTM or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 23, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 23, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.08 HOUSING CODE

Sections:

15.08.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County housing code."
(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.08.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to establish minimum requirements to provide a reasonable level of health, safety, property protection and general welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises within this jurisdiction. Existing structures and premises that do not comply with these provisions shall be altered or repaired to provide a reasonable minimum level of health, safety and general welfare as required herein.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.08.030 Adoption.

The International Property Maintenance Code, Current edition, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.08.040 Definitions.

The International Property Maintenance Code, Current edition, is published by the International Code Council. As used in this chapter, the word "code" shall mean the Tehama County Housing Code.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

Chapter 15.10 GREEN BUILDING CODE

Sections:

15.10.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County Green Building Code."
(Ord. No. 2086 , § 24, 2-4-2020)

15.10.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is 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 a positive environmental impact and encouraging sustainable construction practices of all buildings and structures within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 24, 2-4-2020)

15.10.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, incorporating the International Building Code, 2024 Edition, as referenced in and adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935, (hereinafter referred to as the "IBC"), and those appendices thereto expressly adopted by the California Building Standards Commission, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, all construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, and use of any building or structure within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the IBC, and the specified appendices.

There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 24, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 25, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.12 DANGEROUS BUILDING CODE

Sections:

15.12.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County dangerous building code."

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.12.020 Purpose.

It is the purpose of this code to provide a just, equitable and practical method, to be cumulative with and in addition to any other remedy provided by the building code, housing code or otherwise available by law, whereby buildings or structures which from any cause endanger the life, limb, health, morals, property, safety or welfare of the general public or their occupants may be required to be repaired, vacated or demolished.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.12.030 Adoption.

The Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.12.040 Definitions.

The Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is published by the International Conference of Building Officials. As used in the chapter, the word "code" shall mean the Tehama County dangerous building code.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.12.250 Amendments.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15.12.030, the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings adopted pursuant to Section 15.12.030 is amended as follows:

- A. Section 205.1 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

205.1 General. As used in this Code, "Board of Appeals" shall mean the Tehama County Board of Supervisors.

- B. Section 205.2 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition is not adopted and shall not be a part of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code.

- C. Section 401.2 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

401.2 Preliminary Notice and Order. The building official shall issue a preliminary notice and order directed to the record owner of the building. The preliminary notice and order shall contain:

1. The street address and a legal description sufficient for identification of the premises upon which the building is located.
2. A statement that the building official has found the building to be dangerous with a brief and concise description of the conditions found to render the building dangerous under the provisions of Section 302 of this code. For buildings subject to the State Housing Law, this statement shall also include a brief and concise description of the conditions found to render the building a substandard building as defined in Health and Safety Code section 17920.3 or a building described in Health and Safety Code section 17920.10, and the conditions found to render the building a nuisance as defined in Health and Safety Code section 17920.

3. A statement of the action(s) required to be taken as determined by the building official.

3.1 The preliminary notice and order shall clearly state that the owner shall have the choice of repairing or demolishing the building, in addition to any other option authorized by this Code and approved by the building official.

3.2 If, in the opinion of the building official, these conditions can be corrected or abated by repair thereof, the preliminary notice and order shall state the repairs which will be required. However, the failure of the notice to identify specific repairs shall not deprive the owner of the choice to repair or demolish the building, and shall not invalidate the proceedings.

3.3 The preliminary notice and order shall require that if the owner chooses to repair, all required permits shall be secured therefor and the work physically commenced within such time (not to exceed 30 days from the date of the order) and completed within such time as the building official shall determine is reasonable and feasible under all of the circumstances.

3.4 The preliminary notice and order shall require that if the owner chooses to demolish, the building shall be vacated within such time as the building official shall determine is reasonable (not to exceed 30 days from the date of the order); that all required permits be secured therefor within 30 days from the date of the order; and that the demolition be completed within such time as the building official shall determine is reasonable.

3.5 The preliminary notice and order shall indicate that if the building is encumbered by a mortgage or deed of trust, of record, and the owner of the building has not complied with the order of the building official on or before the expiration of 30 days after the mailing and posting of the notice, the mortgagee or beneficiary under the deed of trust may, within 15 days after the expiration of the 30-day period, comply with the requirements of the order of the building official, in which event the cost to the mortgagee or beneficiary shall be added to, and become a part of, the lien secured by the

mortgage or deed of trust, and shall be payable at the same time and in the same manner as may be prescribed in the mortgage or deed of trust for the payment of any taxes advanced or paid by the mortgagee or beneficiary for and on behalf of the owner.

3.6 If the building official has determined that the building or structure must be vacated, the preliminary notice and order shall require that the building or structure shall be vacated within a time certain from the date of the order as determined by the building official to be reasonable.

Notwithstanding Section 403 of this Code, the building official shall not require the vacating of a residential building unless the building official concurrently requires expeditious demolition or repair to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, building standards, and ordinances.

4. Statements advising that if the owner does not make a timely choice of repair or demolition; the owner selects an option which cannot be completed within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the building official for any reason, including, but not limited to, an outstanding judicial or administrative order; the repair work is not done within the period required by the notice; or the terms of the notice have not been complied with in any other respect on or before the expiration of 45 days after the mailing and posting of the notice, the building official may institute proceedings for the abatement of the dangerous building, after notice and hearing, before the Board of Appeals as set forth in this Code.

5. For buildings subject to the State Housing Law, a provision notifying the owner that, in accordance with Sections 17274 and 24436.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, a tax deduction may not be allowed for interest, taxes, depreciation, or amortization paid or incurred in the taxable year.

6. For buildings subject to the State Housing Law, a provision notifying the owner that a lessor cannot retaliate against a lessee pursuant to Section 1942.5 of the Civil Code.

7. The name, address, and telephone number of the agency that issued the notice or order.

- D. Section 401.3 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

401.3 Second Notice/Notice to Abate Nuisance. If the building official determines to proceed with the abatement of the dangerous building through proceedings instituted before the Board of Appeals, it shall give a second notice directing the owner of the building to appear before the Board of Appeals at a stated time and place and show cause why the building should not be condemned as a nuisance, and the nuisance be abated as provided in this Code. The notice shall be headed "Notice to Abate Nuisance" in letters of not less than three-fourths of an inch in height and shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE

The owner of the building situated at _____ is hereby notified to appear before the Tehama County Board of Supervisors, sitting as the Board of Appeals under the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code, at its meeting to be held _____, 20____, at _____ (place of meeting) at the hour of _____ o'clock _____m., or as soon thereafter as the owner may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the building should not be condemned as a public nuisance and the nuisance be abated by reconstructing or properly repairing the building or by razing or removing it.

Dated

(Name of enforcement agency)

By _____

(Name of officer)

- E. Section 401.4 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

401.4 Service and Posting of Notices. The notices required under this Chapter shall be given in the following manner:

1. The notices required under this Chapter shall be given in the following manner: The building official shall post conspicuously at least one copy of the notice on the building alleged to be a dangerous building, and shall send another copy by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the person owning the land on which the building is located, as that person's name and address appear on the last equalized assessment roll, or as known to the clerk of the governing board of the enforcement agency; and to the record owner, if different; to anyone known to the County to be in possession of the parcel upon which the building is located; to the holder of any mortgage or deed of trust or other lien or encumbrance of record; to the owner or holder of any lease or records; and to the holder of any other estate or legal interest of record in or to the building or the land on which it is located. If the address of any person entitled to notice is unknown to the building official, two copies, each stating this fact, shall be mailed, one to addressed to this person at the county seat of the county where the property is situated, and one addressed to this person at the address of the building involved in the proceedings.

2. For buildings subject to the State Housing Law, any notice given pursuant to this Chapter shall be provided to any tenants of the building either by both posting a copy of the order or notice in a conspicuous place on the property and by first-class mail to each affected residential unit, or by posting a copy of the order or notice in a conspicuous place on the property and in a prominent place on each affected residential unit.

3. Proof of service of any notice shall be certified to at the time of service by a written declaration under penalty of perjury executed by the persons effecting service, declaring the time, date and manner in which service was made. The declaration, together with any receipt card turned in acknowledgment of receipt by certified mail shall be affixed to a copy of the notice and order shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Appeals. The building official shall retain a copy of all documents so filed with the Clerk of the Board of Appeals.

4. The failure of any owner or other person to receive the notice, shall not affect in any manner the validity of any proceedings taken hereunder.

5. Service by registered or certified mail in the manner herein provided shall be effective on the date of mailing.

- F. Section 402 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

SECTION 402 - RECORDATION OF NOTICE

Concurrent with service of the "Preliminary Notice and Order" under Section 401.2 of this Code, the building official shall record in the office of the county recorder a certificate describing the property and certifying (i) that the building official has determined that the building is a dangerous building, (ii) that the owner has been so notified, and (iii) that proceedings for the abatement of the dangerous building may be instituted before the Board of Appeals as set forth in this Code. The building official shall record a notice of final disposition in the county recorder's office immediately following final resolution of the proceedings under this Code.

- F. Section 403 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

SECTION 403 - REPAIR, VACATION AND DEMOLITION

The following standards shall be followed by the building official and the Board of Appeals in ordering the repair, vacation, or demolition of any dangerous building or structure:

1. Any building declared a dangerous building under this code shall be made to comply with one of the following:

1.1 The building shall be repaired in accordance with the current building code or other current code applicable to the type of substandard conditions requiring repair; or

1.2 The building shall be demolished at the option of the building owner; or

1.3 If the building does not constitute an immediate danger to the life, limb, property or safety of the public it may be vacated, secured and maintained against entry. The building official or Board of Appeals shall not require the vacating of a residential building unless the building official or Board of Appeals concurrently requires expeditious demolition or repair to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, building standards, and ordinances.

2. If the building or structure is in such condition as to make it immediately dangerous to the life, limb, property or safety of the public or its occupants, it shall be ordered to be vacated.

3. For buildings subject to the State Housing Law, in deciding whether to require vacation of the building or to repair as necessary, the Board of Appeals shall give preference to the repair of the building whenever it is economically feasible to do so without having to repair more than 75 percent of the dwelling, as determined by the County, and shall give full consideration to the needs for housing as expressed in the County's housing element.

- G. Section 404 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

SECTION 404 - NOTICE TO VACATE

404.1 Posting. Every notice to vacate shall, in addition to being served as provided in Section 401.4, be posted at or upon each exit of the building and shall be in substantially the following form:

DO NOT ENTER

UNSAFE TO OCCUPY

It is a misdemeanor to occupy this building, or to remove or deface this notice.

Building Official

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404.2 Compliance. Whenever such notice is posted, the building official shall include a notification thereof in the preliminary notice and order issued under Section 401.2, reciting the emergency and specifying the conditions which necessitate the posting. No person shall remain in or enter any building which has been so posted, except that entry may be made to repair, demolish or remove such building under permit. No person shall remove or deface any such notice after it is posted until the required repairs, demolition or removal have been completed and a certificate of occupancy issued pursuant to the provisions of the Building Code.

- H. Chapter 5 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is not adopted and shall not be a part of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code.
- I. Section 601.1 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition is not adopted and shall not be a part of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code.
- J. Section 603 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

SECTION 603 - SCOPE OF HEARING

At the time and place fixed in the "Notice to Abate Nuisance" under Section 401.3 of this Code, the Board of Appeals shall proceed to hear the testimony of the officers or employees of the County and the owner or his representatives, if present at said hearing, and other competent persons who may be present and desire to testify, respecting the condition of said building, the estimated cost of its

reconstruction, repair or removal, and any other matter which said Board of Appeals may deem pertinent thereto.

- K. Section 603.2 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition is not adopted and shall not be a part of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code.
- L. Section 605.2 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition is not adopted and shall not be a part of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code.
- M. Section 605.3 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition is not adopted and shall not be a part of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code.
- N. Section 605.4 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition is not adopted and shall not be a part of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code.
- O. Section 605.5 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition is not adopted and shall not be a part of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code.
- P. Section 605.6 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition is not adopted and shall not be a part of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code.
- Q. Section 605.7 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

605.7 Form of Decision. Upon the conclusion of said hearing, the Board of Appeals shall issue its decision by Resolution, which shall contain findings of fact and a determination of the issues presented. In the event that the Board of Appeals so concludes, the Resolution shall declare said building to be a nuisance and direct the owner to abate the same within 30 days after the date of posting on said premises a notice of the passage of said resolution by having said building properly reconstructed or repaired, or having the same razed or removed and notifying said owner that if said nuisance is not abated said building will be repaired or razed or removed by the County and the expense thereof made a lien on the lot or parcel of land upon which said building is located.
- R. Section 605.9 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is added to read:

605.9 Service of Decision. The decision of the Board of Appeals shall be served and posted in accordance with Section 401.4 of this Code. Service and posting shall be effected within 60 days after the date the decision is rendered. In addition to the foregoing, tenants in a residential building subject to the State Housing law shall be provided with copies of any building or demolition permit issued by the County following the decision of the Board of Appeals.
- S. Section 701.1 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

701.1 Compliance Required. Any person who is an owner of any building declared to be a nuisance by the Board of Appeals under this Code who fails to abate the nuisance as directed within 30 days after the date of posting of notice on said premises, or any extension of that period granted pursuant to Section 702 of this Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- T. Section 701.2 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

701.2 Jurisdiction to Abate. Thirty days after the posting of the copies of the resolution declaring any building a nuisance, the County shall be deemed to have acquired jurisdiction to abate such nuisance by repairing or razing or removing the building, unless the nuisance is abated by the owner or other person interested within the 30-day period or any extension thereof granted pursuant to Section 702 of this Code. In the event that the nuisance is not abated within the time prescribed the County may thereupon repair or raze and remove the building so declared to constitute a nuisance or have the same done under its direction and supervision.

- U. Section 701.3 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

701.3 Failure to Commence Work. Whenever the required repair or demolition is not commenced within thirty days after the date of posting of notice on said premises, or any extension of that period granted pursuant to Section 702 of this Code:

1. The building official shall cause the building described in such notice and order to be vacated by posting at each entrance thereto a notice reading:

DANGEROUS BUILDING

DO NOT OCCUPY

It is a misdemeanor to occupy this building, or to remove or deface this notice.

Building Official

County of Tehama

2. No person shall occupy any building which has been posted as specified in this section. No person shall remove or deface any such notice so posted until the repairs, demolition or removal ordered by the building official have been completed and a certificate of occupancy issued pursuant to the provisions of the Building Code.

3. The building official may, in addition to any other remedy herein provided, cause the building to be repaired to the extent necessary to correct the conditions which render the building dangerous as set forth in the notice and order; or, if the Resolution of the Board of Appeals authorized demolition, to cause the building to be razed and removed and the materials, rubble and debris therefrom removed and the lot cleaned. Any such repair or demolition work shall be accomplished and the cost thereof paid and recovered in the manner provided by this Code.

4. Tenants in a residential building subject to the State Housing law shall be provided with copies of the building official's decision to repair or demolish the building.

- V. Section 801.1 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

801.1 Procedure. When any work of repair or demolition is to be done pursuant to Section 701.3, Item 3, of this Code, the building official shall issue an order therefor to the Director of Public Works and the work shall be accomplished by County personnel or by private contract under the direction of said Director. Plans and specifications therefor may be prepared by said Director, or the County may employ such architectural and engineering assistance on a contract basis as deemed reasonably necessary. The Director may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for a warrant authorizing entry upon the property for purposes of undertaking the work. If any part of the work is to be accomplished by private contract, that contract shall be submitted to and approved by the Board of Supervisors prior to commencement of work. Nothing herein shall be construed to require that any private contract under this Code be awarded through competitive bidding procedures where such procedures are not required by the general laws of the State of California.

- W. Section 801.2 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

801.1 Costs. The cost of such work shall be paid from the repair and demolition fund, and may be made an obligation of each owner of the parcel upon which the building is located and may be specially assessed as a lien against the parcel, as provided by this Code.

- X. Chapter 9 of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, is amended to read:

SECTION 901 - SALE OF MATERIALS

The building materials contained in any such building so razed or removed may be sold by the Board of Supervisors at public sale to the highest responsible bidder after not less than five days notice of intended sale published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city or county wherein such building is located, either before or after said building has been razed or removed and any amount received from the sale of such building materials shall be deducted from the expense of razing or removing said building. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the Board of Supervisors to sell any such building materials. Unsold building materials may be disposed of by the building official by any lawful means, and the costs of such disposal included in the expenses of abatement.

SECTION 902 - ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES

The building official shall keep an itemized account of all of the expenses involved in abating the nuisance, including, but not limited to, administrative costs, and any and all costs incurred in the physical abatement of the nuisance, and shall deduct therefrom any amount received from the sale of the building materials.

SECTION 903 - EXPENSE STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The building official shall cause an expense statement to be posted conspicuously on the property from which the nuisance was abated and served in accordance with Section 401.4 of this Code. This statement shall be verified by the building official, showing the reasonable gross and net expense of the abatement actions taken by the agency, including the expense of inspections; repairs, if any; the cost of the razing or removing of the building, if applicable; and any other costs of abatement, together with a notice of the time and place when and where the statement shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval and confirmation and at which time said Board of Supervisors shall consider any objections or protests, if any, which may be raised by any property owner liable to be assessed for the cost of such work and any other interested persons. The time for confirmation shall be not less than ten days from the date of the posting and mailing of said statement and notice.

SECTION 904 - CONFIRMATION OF EXPENSE STATEMENT

At the meeting noticed pursuant to Section 903, the Board of Supervisors shall consider the statement, together with any objections or protests which may be raised by any of the property owners liable to be assessed for doing the work and any other interested persons; and thereupon said governing board may make such revision, correction, or modification in the statement as it may deem just, after which, by motion or resolution, said report as submitted, or in the event any revisions, corrections or modifications have been ordered made by said governing board then said statement as revised, corrected or modified, shall be confirmed. The Board may adjourn said hearings from time to time and its decisions on said statement and on all protests and objections which may be made shall be final and conclusive.

SECTION 905 - EXCESS PROCEEDS

In the event that the amount received from the sale of material, if any, exceeds the expenses of razing or removing such building, then such excess shall be deposited with the County Treasurer to the credit of the owner of said property or to such other person legally entitled thereto, and such excess shall be payable to said owner or other person on demand and upon producing evidence of ownership satisfactory to said Treasurer.

SECTION 906 - PERSONAL OBLIGATION OF THE OWNER

Except as set forth in Section 905 of this Code, the net expense of abating the nuisance, as confirmed by the Board of Supervisors, shall be the personal obligation of each owner of the property to pay to the County. In addition to any other remedy, the County Counsel may bring a civil action in the name of the County against any such owner to recover this expense.

SECTION 907 - ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AGAINST THE PARCEL

Pursuant to Government Code section 25845, if the owner fails to pay the costs of the abatement upon demand by the county, the cost of the abatement shall be specially assessed against the parcel. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall certify the existence and amount of this assessment to the County Auditor and County Tax Collector, and the assessment shall thereafter be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county taxes are collected, and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in case of delinquency as are provided for ordinary county taxes. All laws applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of county taxes are applicable to the special assessment.

SECTION 908 - NOTICE OF ABATEMENT LIEN

The building official shall cause a notice of abatement lien to be recorded. The notice shall, at a minimum, identify the record owner or possessor of property, set forth the last known address of the record owner or possessor, set forth the date upon which abatement of the nuisance was ordered by the Board of Supervisors and the date the abatement was complete, and include a description of the real property subject to the lien and the amount of the abatement cost. Recordation of a notice of abatement lien shall have the effect set forth in Government Code section 25845. The statute of limitations shall not run against the right of County to enforce the payment of said lien.

(Ord. 1885 § 1, 2007)

15.12.260 Applicability to buildings subject to the State Housing Law.

The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to any building subject to the State Housing Law (Health and Safety Code Sections 17910 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Sections 1 et seq.), provided that such building (i) is a substandard building as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 17920.3 or is a building described in Health and Safety Code Section 17920.10, and (ii) is determined by the building official to be a nuisance as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 17920. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Section 52, the board of supervisors of the county of Tehama hereby determines that the procedures set forth in this chapter are equivalent to the procedures set forth in California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Sections 48 et seq. for the purpose of abating dangerous buildings that are subject to the State Housing Law. This chapter shall supplement, but shall not limit or restrict, the provisions of the Tehama County Housing Code set forth in Chapter 15.08.

(Ord. 1885 § 2, 2007)

15.12.270 Summary abatement.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Tehama County Dangerous Building Code, when any dangerous building, whether or not subject to the State Housing Law, constitutes an immediate threat to public health or safety, and when the procedures set forth in Chapters 4, 6, and 7 of the code would not result in abatement of that nuisance within a short enough time period to avoid that threat, the building official may direct any officer or employee of the county to summarily abate the nuisance. The building official shall make reasonable efforts to notify the persons identified in Section 401.4 of the code, but the formal notice and hearing procedures set forth in Chapters 4, 6, and 7 of the code shall not apply. The county may nevertheless recover its costs for abating that nuisance in the manner set forth in Chapters 8 and 9 of the code.

(Ord. 1885 § 3, 2007)

15.12.280 Provisions cumulative.

The provisions of this chapter and the remedies provided herein are in addition to, and do not supersede or limit, any and all other remedies or proceedings, civil, criminal, or administrative.

(Ord. 1885 § 4, 2007)

15.12.290 Authority.

The board of supervisors of the county of Tehama hereby determines and declares that the provisions of this chapter are authorized by, and conform to the requirements of, Government Code Section 25845.

(Ord. 1885 § 5, 2007)

Chapter 15.16 PLUMBING CODE

Sections:

15.16.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County plumbing code."

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.16.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum requirements and standards for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, installation, quality of materials, location, operation, and maintenance and use of plumbing systems within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.16.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Plumbing Code, Title 24, Part 5 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, incorporating the Uniform Plumbing Code, most current edition, as referenced in and adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935 (hereinafter referred to as the "UPC"), and the appendices, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, all plumbing systems associated with construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, and use of any building or structure within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the UPC, and the specified appendices.

There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 1894 § 6, 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 6, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 6, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.20 ELECTRICAL CODE

Sections:

15.20.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County electrical code."

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.20.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum requirements and standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, installation, quality of materials, location, operation, and maintenance or use of electrical systems and equipment within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.20.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Electrical Code, Title 24, Part 3, of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, incorporating the National Electrical Code, current edition, as referenced in and adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935, (hereinafter referred to as the "NEC"), and the Informative Annex Chapters are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, all electrical associated with construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair and use of any building or structure within the county jurisdiction shall be made in compliance with the state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the NEC.

There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 1894 § 9, 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 8, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 8, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.22 MECHANICAL CODE

Sections:

15.22.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County mechanical code."

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.22.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum requirements and standards for the protection of public health, safety and welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, installation, quality of materials, location, operation, and maintenance and use of heating, ventilating, cooling, refrigeration systems, incinerators and other miscellaneous heat-producing appliances within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.22.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Mechanical Code, Title 24, Part 4 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, incorporating the Uniform Mechanical Code, current edition, as referenced in and adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935, (hereinafter referred to as the "UMC"), and its appendices, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, all mechanical systems associated with construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair and use of any building or structure within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the UMC, and the specified appendices.

There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 1894 § 12, 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 10, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 10, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.24 SWIMMING POOL CODE

Sections:

15.24.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County swimming pool code."

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999; Ord. No. 2127 , § 12, 12-20-2022)

15.24.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum standards for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare by regulating and controlling the erection, installation, alteration, addition, repair, relocation, replacement, maintenance, or use of any swimming pool, spa, or hot tub plumbing system within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

(Ord. No. 2127 , § 12, 12-20-2022)

15.24.030 Adoption.

The California Residential Code Swimming Pool Safety Act (Appendix CI), 2025 Edition, published by the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2.5 is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 1894 § 15(part), 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 12, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 12, 12-20-2022)

15.24.40 Amendments.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15.24.030, the 2025 California Residential Code, Appendix Chapter CI, Section CI100 adopted pursuant to Section 15.24.030 is amended to read as follows:

Appendix CI, Section CI100, subsection 115922(a) is amended to read as follows: Except as provided in Section 115925, when a building permit is issued for the construction of a new swimming pool or spa or the remodeling of an existing swimming pool or spa at a private single-family home, the respective swimming pool or spa shall be equipped with at least two of the following seven drowning prevention safety features, provided that one of the two required safety features shall consist of an enclosure or safety cover as described in items 1, 2, and 3 below:

1. An enclosure that meets the requirements of Section 115923 and isolates the swimming pool or spa from the private single-family home.
2. Removable mesh fencing that meets American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Specifications F2286 standards in conjunction with a gate that is self-closing and self-latching and can accommodate a key lockable device.
3. An approved safety pool cover, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 115921.
4. Exit alarms on the private single-family home's doors that provide direct access to the swimming pool or spa. The exit alarm may cause either an alarm noise or a verbal warning, such as a repeating notification that "the door to the pool is open."
5. A self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor on the private single-family home's door providing direct access to the swimming pool or spa.
6. An alarm that, when placed in a swimming pool or spa will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. The alarm shall meet and be independently certified to the ASTM Standard F2208 "Standard Safety Specification for Residential Pool Alarms," which includes surface motion, pressure, sonar, laser and infrared type alarms. A swimming protection alarm feature designed for individual use, including an alarm attached to a child that sounds when the child exceeds a certain distance or becomes submerged in water, is not a qualifying drowning prevention safety feature.
7. Other means of protection, if the degree of protection afforded is equal to or greater than that afforded by any of the features set forth above and has been independently verified by an approved testing laboratory as meeting standards for those features established by the ASTM or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

(Ord. No. 2127 , § 12, 12-20-2022)

15.24.050 Pool safety requirements.

Commencing January 1, 1998, new swimming pools constructed at private, single-family homes shall comply with California Health and Safety Code Section 115920, et seq.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

(Ord. No. 2127 , § 12, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.26 SIGN CODE

Sections:

15.26.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County sign code."

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.26.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, quality of materials, construction, location, electrification and maintenance of sign and sign structures not located within a building, but located within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.26.030 Adoption.

The 2025 CBC - Appendix H, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.26.040 Definitions.

The 2025 CBC - Appendix H, is published by the International Code Council. As used in this chapter, the word "code" shall mean the Tehama County sign code.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

Chapter 15.28 MOBILEHOME CODE

Sections:

15.28.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County mobilehome code."

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the use and occupancy, location, installation and maintenance of mobilehomes and the installations for supplying fuel gas, water, and electrical thereto and the disposal of sewage therefrom. This chapter shall apply to and govern all mobilehomes, manufactured homes, commercial coaches, travel trailers and recreational vehicles, and accessory structures, and all such utility installations, located outside of mobilehome parks, within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.030 Adoption.

The California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2, Article 7, as it pertains to mobilehomes outside of mobilehome parks, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.040 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the word "code" shall mean the Tehama County mobilehome code.

"Commercial coach" shall mean a structure transportable in one or more sections, designed and equipped for human occupancy for industrial, professional, or commercial purposes, which is required to be moved under permit.

"Manufactured home" shall mean a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width, or forty body feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. "Manufactured home" includes a mobilehome subject to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 5401, et seq.).

"Mobilehome" shall mean a structure that meets the requirements of a "manufactured home."
"Mobilehome" does not include a commercial coach, factory-built housing, or a recreational vehicle.

Mobilehome, Existing. "Existing mobilehome" shall mean: (1) any legally permitted mobilehome that is currently listed in the Tax Assessor's records, or (2) any mobilehome which was setup and occupied prior to October 1, 1975.

"Recreational vehicle" shall mean either of the following:

1. A motor home, travel trailer, truck camper, or camping trailer, with or without motive power, designed for human habitation for recreational, emergency or temporary occupancy, which meets all of the following criteria:
 - a. It contains less than three hundred twenty square feet of internal living room area, excluding built-in equipment, including, but not limited to, wardrobe, closets, cabinets, kitchen units or fixtures, and bath or toilet rooms.
 - b. It contains four hundred square feet or less of gross area measured at maximum horizontal projections.
 - c. It is built on a single chassis.
 - d. It is either self-propelled, truck-mounted, or permanently towable on the highways without a permit.
2. A park trailer designed for human habitation for recreational or seasonal use only, which meets all of the following criteria:
 - a. It contains four hundred square feet or less of gross floor area measured at the maximum horizontal projections. However, it may not exceed twelve feet in width or forty feet in length in the traveling mode.
 - b. It is built on a single chassis.
 - c. It may only be transported upon public highways with a permit.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.050 Standards.

- A. Insignia. All mobilehomes for which an installation permit is issued, after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this title, shall have been issued an insignia of approval by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and certified under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 5401, et seq.), or have been certified by the state of California Department of Housing and Community Development, or by a California state-registered engineer or architect as meeting such standards contained in said Act.
- B. Snow Loads. Mobilehomes must be designed to resist the snow and wind load as required for buildings located at the same elevation. In lieu of design loads, a ramada designed to resist the snow load may be built to protect the mobilehome from such load. A separate building permit shall be required for the ramada.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.055 Automatic fire sprinklers.

Any manufactured home, mobilehome, or multi-family manufactured home with two dwelling units, manufactured on or after January 1, 2012, for which an installation permit is issued after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section, shall be equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system designed and installed in accordance with Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations. The site upon which any such manufactured home, mobilehome, or multi-family manufactured home with two dwelling units is installed shall be served by a water supply system meeting the requirements for water supply applicable to any residential unit constructed on the site. The building official or their designee shall inspect the water supply system exterior to its point of connection with the manufactured home, mobilehome, or multi-family manufactured home with two dwelling units for compliance with these requirements.

(Ord. No. 1964, § 2, 1-31-2012)

15.28.060 Permits.

- A. Permit Required. Except as specified in Section 15.28.070, no mobilehome or commercial coach shall be moved onto a property until an installation permit has been obtained from the building official.
- B. Expiration of Permit.
 - 1. Time Period. Every installation permit issued by the building official under the provisions of this chapter shall expire by limitation and become null and void if the work authorized by such permit is not completed, with a final inspection approval and certificate of occupancy, within six months from the date of issuance. Any permittee holding an unexpired permit may apply for an extension of a current permit for a six-month extension period. The maximum allowable total permit time shall not exceed one year.
 - 2. Extensions. Requests for extension on an unexpired permit must be made in writing by the permittee showing that circumstances beyond the control of the permittee have prevented action from being taken. The fee for extension of a nonexpired permit shall be as set forth in the fee ordinance as approved by the board of supervisors.
 - 3. Expired Permit. An expired permit shall be considered null and void and shall require the issuance of a new permit.
 - 4. Notices. The building official shall notify the permittee of the expiration date and the time provisions of this chapter by the attachment of a copy of this section to the permit at the time of issuance. In those cases where the permittee takes no action to apply for a new permit as provided for in this section, or file a notice as provided in Section 15.28.070, the building official, acting thirty days after the date of

expiration, shall record a notice of noncompliance with the county recorder. The notice shall identify the property and set forth the fact that the mobilehome or commercial coach has not had a final inspection approval from the building department and that the owner has been so notified.

When a new permit has been obtained to complete the setup, as allowed under this section, the building official shall record with the county recorder's office and provide to the property owner of record, a notice of cancellation certifying that a new permit has been issued and the notice of noncompliance has been rescinded. This shall be done at the permittee's expense.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.070 Storage of unoccupied mobilehomes and commercial coaches.

- A. General. The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the storage of any unoccupied mobilehome or commercial coach pursuant to applicable zoning laws upon land with the consent of the owner of such land; provided, however, that such mobilehome or commercial coach shall not be connected to any electrical, fuel gas, water or sewage disposal system, or telephone service; and further provided, that the floor area of the mobilehome or commercial coach included with the area of all existing buildings and structures on the parcel of land does not exceed the maximum percentage of lot coverage permitted in the zoning regulations for that particular parcel of land; and provided further, that the placement of such mobilehome or commercial coach complies with the setback requirements as provided in the zoning regulations.
- B. Placement. Mobilehomes or commercial coaches placed in dead storage as provided in subsection A of this section shall not be setup or installed as required for occupied mobilehomes or commercial coaches and shall remain in a condition as required for moving on a public road, except that stabilization devices may be used to prevent damage. Not more than one mobilehome or commercial coach shall be placed in dead storage per parcel.
- C. Notice. Except when stored for resale by a licensed mobilehome dealer, every person, firm or corporation placing a mobilehome or commercial coach in dead storage as provided in subsection A of this section, shall file a notice with the building official within ten days of such placement. Such notice shall be on such form as prescribed by the building official and no fee shall be charged relating to such notice.
- D. Salvage or Substandard. No mobilehome or commercial coach that has been declared salvage or substandard shall be allowed to be placed in dead storage pursuant to this section.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.080 Construction sites.

- A. Zoning. In those cases authorized by the county zoning ordinance, a temporary mobilehome or recreational vehicle may be placed on a site for the purpose of habitation while and during construction of a dwelling as set forth in Section 17.08.010.
- B. Requirements.
 - 1. Every mobilehome or recreational vehicle shall have a valid, unexpired license issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles, or the state Department of Housing and Community Development. In order to comply with this section, copies of the registration certificate shall be submitted to the building department.
 - 2. A permit for the proposed dwelling shall first be obtained and all required fees shall be paid prior to the occupancy of the temporary mobilehome or recreational vehicle.

3. An installation permit for the temporary mobilehome shall be obtained before locating the mobilehome on the property.
 4. A copy of the signed agreement as required by the planning department shall be submitted to the building department upon application for the installation permit.
- C. Occupancy. After inspection by the building official or authorized representative, it is determined that the mobilehome or recreational vehicle meets the requirements of this code and any other applicable state laws, a temporary occupancy certificate shall be issued. The certificate of occupancy shall remain valid so long as the mobilehome or recreational vehicle has a current license and the dwelling permit remains valid. No mobilehome or recreational vehicle may continue to be occupied on any site when the dwelling permit becomes void.
- D. Removal. The mobilehome or recreational vehicle shall be removed or placed in dead storage per Section 15.28.070 within sixty days of the final inspection of the dwelling.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.090 Skirting.

- A. Requirement. All mobilehomes and commercial coaches installed on any site subject to regulation under this title shall be equipped with adequate skirting. "Adequate skirting" shall be defined as the placement of standard metal skirting, wood, masonry or other sight-proof materials in such position as to enclose the exposed parts under a mobilehome. Skirting shall be installed within sixty days of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.
- B. Access. Where the space beneath a mobilehome is enclosed, there shall be provided a removable access panel not less than eighteen inches in dimension, and not less than four square feet in area. The access panel shall be located so that the lot utility connections to the electrical, water, sewer and gas systems of the mobilehome are within twenty feet. The access panel shall not be fastened by any means requiring the use of a special tool or device to remove the panel.
- C. Ventilation. Cross ventilation shall be provided by openings having a net area of not less than one and one-half square feet for each twenty-five linear feet of the mobilehome and including all attached enclosed unventilated structures such as porches. The openings shall be provided on at least two opposite sides and shall be as close to all the corners as practicable.
- D. Wood. Where wood is used for the mobilehome enclosure within six inches of the ground, it shall be an approved treated material or wood of natural resistance to decay.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.100 Exit facilities.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, at least one exterior doorway of the mobilehome shall be provided with a landing and/or stairway. At least two remotely located exterior doorways of the mobilehome shall be provided with an exterior landing and/or stairway within sixty days of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

Commercial coaches and mobilehomes installed on permanent foundations shall have approved exit facilities installed at all exterior doorways prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.28.110 Violations.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other entity to violate the provisions of this code.

- A. Penalty Fee. Whenever a mobilehome or commercial coach is moved onto property and connected to any utility without first obtaining a permit, a penalty fee, in addition to the permit fee, shall be collected whether or not a permit is subsequently issued. The minimum penalty fee shall be equal to the amount of the permit fee as required in subsection A of Section 15.20.360. The payment of such penalty fee shall not exempt an applicant from compliance with all other provisions of either this code or the technical codes, nor from any other penalty prescribed by law.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

Chapter 15.30 ENERGY CODE

Sections:

15.30.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County Energy Code."

(Ord. 1894 § 14(part), 2008)

15.30.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum requirements and standards to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare by prescribing energy efficiency requirements for all buildings and structures within this jurisdiction.

(Ord. 1894 § 14(part), 2008)

15.30.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Energy Code, Title 24, Part 6 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, as adopted by the California Energy Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25402, and as referenced in and adopted as part of the California Building Standards Code pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935, (hereinafter referred to as the "CEC"), and the Appendix Chapters are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, all construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, and use of any building or structure within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the CEC.

(Ord. 1894 § 14(part), 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 14, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 14, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.32 HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE

Sections:

15.32.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County Historical Building Code."

(Ord. 1894 § 15(part), 2008)

15.32.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare by prescribing alternative regulations and standards for the rehabilitation, preservation, restoration (including related reconstruction), or relocation of qualified historical buildings or structures within this jurisdiction, in order to facilitate the rehabilitation, restoration, or change of occupancy so as to preserve their original or restored architectural elements and features, to encourage energy conservation and a cost-effective approach to preservation, and to provide for the safety of the building occupants and access for people with disabilities.

(Ord. 1894 § 15(part), 2008)

15.32.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Historical Building Code, Title 24, Part 8 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, as adopted by the State Historical Building Safety Board pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 18959.5, and as referenced in and adopted as part of the California Building Standards Code pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935, (hereinafter referred to as the "CHBC"), and the Appendix Chapters are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, all construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, and use of any buildings or properties designated as qualified historical buildings or properties in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 18955 within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the CHBC Section 17.

(Ord. 1894 § 15(part), 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 16, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 16, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.34 FIRE CODE

Sections:

15.34.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County Fire Code."

(Ord. 1894 § 16(part), 2008)

15.34.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum requirements and standards consistent with nationally recognized good practices to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures, and premises, and to provide safety and assistance to firefighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

(Ord. 1894 § 16(part), 2008)

15.34.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Fire Code, Title 24, Part 9 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, incorporating the International Fire Code, 2024 Edition, as referenced in and adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935, (hereinafter referred to as the "IFC"), and its appendices, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, 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 building structures within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the IFC, and the specified appendices.

(Ord. 1894 § 16(part), 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 18, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 17, 12-20-2022)

15.34.040 Fire board of appeals.

- A. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the fire chief or fire code official relative to the application and interpretation of the Tehama County Fire Code or the technical codes, as defined in Section 15.02.150, or any successor fire code or technical code adopted or implemented pursuant to state law, there shall be and is hereby created a board of appeals. The board of appeals shall be the board of supervisors. The fire chief shall be an ex-officio member of said board but shall have no vote on any matter before the board. The board may adopt additional rules of procedure for conducting its business, and shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with a duplicate copy to the fire chief.
- B. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the intent of the applicable code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or an equivalent method of protection or safety is proposed. Except as otherwise provided by law, including without limitation Health and Safety Code section 17925, the board shall have no authority to waive requirements of these codes.

(Ord. No. 1969, § 1, 7-31-2012)

Chapter 15.36 EXISTING BUILDING CODE

Sections:

15.36.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County Existing Building Code."

(Ord. 1894 § 17(part), 2008)

15.36.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum requirements and standards to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare by prescribing alternative building standards for existing structures when the provisions of the applicable technical code cannot be achieved.

(Ord. 1894 § 17(part), 2008)

15.36.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Existing Building Code, Title 24, Part 10 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, incorporating the International Existing Building Code, 2024 Edition, as referenced in and adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935, (hereinafter referred to as the "IEBC"), and those appendices thereto expressly adopted by the California Building Standards Commission, are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, the repair, alteration, addition and change of occupancy for existing buildings and historic buildings to which the state code is applicable by its terms within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the state code and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including the IEBC, and the specified appendices.

(Ord. 1894 § 17(part), 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 20, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 19, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.38 REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE

Sections:

15.38.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County Referenced Standards Code."

(Ord. 1894 § 18(part), 2008)

15.38.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this code is to provide minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of certain buildings and structures within this jurisdiction and certain equipment specifically regulated herein.

(Ord. 1894 § 18(part), 2008)

15.38.030 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Referenced Standards Code, Title 24, Part 12 of the California Code of Regulations, a portion of the California Building Standards Code, as defined in the California Health and Safety

Code Section 18901 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "state code") adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17922 and 18935 is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter and Chapter 15.02 of the Tehama County Code, all construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, and use of any building or structure to which the state code is applicable by its terms within the county jurisdiction shall be made in conformance with the state code.

(Ord. 1894 § 18(part), 2008)

(Ord. No. 2086 , § 22, 2-4-2020; Ord. No. 2127 , § 21, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.40 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Sections:

15.40.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "California Administrative Code" or "state administrative code."

(Ord. No. 2127 , § 26, 12-20-2022)

15.40.020 Adoption.

The most current edition of the California Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 1 of the California Code of Regulations, as specified by Sections 17922 and 18938 of the California Health and Safety Code, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into this Code.

There is one copy of said code on file in the office of the building official for use and examination by the public.

(Ord. No. 2127 , § 26, 12-20-2022)

Chapter 15.48 SETBACK LINES

Sections:

15.48.010 Establishment.

- A. Building setback lines are hereby established in the unincorporated areas of the county along all public and private streets, roads and highways, including state highways, as follows: fifty feet from the centerline thereof, or twenty feet from the exterior boundaries thereof, whichever setback distance is greater.
- B. Wherever conflict occurs between the provisions of this section and the yard provisions of the county zoning ordinance, the most restrictive regulation shall apply.

(Ord. 1761 § 2 (part), 2001)

15.48.020 Compliance required.

- A. No building, structure, well, solid fence more than three feet high, or other improvements, except open fences, utility poles and lines, driveways and structures appurtenant thereto, and irrigation structures and noncommercial loading chutes and platforms shall hereafter be erected or placed within the building setback lines established by this chapter.

(Ord. 1761 § 2 (part), 2001)

15.48.030 Variances.

- A. Variances in the strict application of this chapter may be granted in cases where unusual hardships may be proved or where unusual conditions exist.
- B. Application for a variance shall be made in writing to the Planning Commission, and the variance may be granted by the Board of Supervisors following receipt of a report of findings by the Planning Commission.

(Ord. 1761 § 2 (part), 2001)

15.48.040 Enforcement.

- A. It shall be the duty of the building official and his or her authorized deputies to conduct inspections and investigations related to the regulations of this chapter, and, together with other officers of the county charged in this chapter or otherwise with the enforcement of law, to enforce this chapter and all of the provisions thereof.
- B. Any person, firm or corporation whether as principal, agent, employee or otherwise, violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Ord. 1761 § 2 (part), 2001)

Chapter 15.52 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Sections:

ARTICLE I. TITLE, FINDINGS OF FACT, PURPOSE AND METHODS

15.52.110 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Tehama County floodplain management regulations."

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.120 Findings of fact.

The flood hazard areas of the county of Tehama are subject to periodic inundation which results in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

These flood losses are caused by uses that are inadequately elevated, floodproofed, or protected from flood damage. The cumulative effect of obstructions in areas of special flood hazards which increase flood heights and velocities also contribute to the flood loss.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.130 Purpose.

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed:

- A. To protect human life and health;
- B. To minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- C. To minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- D. To minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- E. To minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains; electric, telephone and sewer lines; and streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
- F. To help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to minimize future blighted areas caused by flood damage;
- G. To ensure that potential buyers are notified that property is in an area of special flood hazard; and
- H. To ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.140 Methods of reducing flood losses.

In order to accomplish its purposes, this chapter includes methods and provisions:

- A. To restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or flood heights or velocities;
- B. To require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- C. To control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel flood waters;
- D. To control filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase flood damage; and
- E. To prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

ARTICLE II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

15.52.210 Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, certain terms, phrases, words and their derivatives shall be construed as specified in this section. Where terms are not defined, they shall have their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context with which they are used. Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged, copyright 1986, shall be considered as providing ordinarily accepted meanings. Words used in the

singular include the plural and the plural the singular. Words used in the masculine gender include the feminine and the feminine the masculine.

"Accessory use" shall mean a use, which is incidental and subordinate to the principal use of the parcel of land on which it is located.

"Appeal" shall mean a request for a review of the floodplain administrator's interpretation of any provision of this chapter or a request for a variance pursuant to Article 5.

"Area of shallow flooding" shall mean a designated AO or AH zone on the flood insurance rate map (FIRM). The base flood depths range from one to three feet; a clearly defined channel does not exist; the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate; and velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.

Area of special flood hazard. See "Special flood hazard area."

"Base flood" shall mean a flood, which has a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (also called the "one hundred-year flood"). Base flood is the term used throughout this chapter.

"Basement" shall mean any area of the building having its floor below ground level on all sides.

Building. See "Structure".

"Development" shall mean any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

"Encroachment" shall mean the advance or infringement of uses, plant growth, fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures or development into a floodplain, which may impede or alter the flow capacity of a floodplain.

"Existing manufactured home park or subdivision" shall mean a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the effective date of the floodplain management regulations adopted by a community.

"Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision" shall mean the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).

"Flood, flooding, or flood water" shall mean a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from the overflow of inland waters; the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

"Flood boundary and floodway map (FBFM)" shall mean the official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency or Federal Insurance Administration has delineated both the areas of special flood hazards and the floodway.

"Flood insurance rate map (FIRM)" shall mean the official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency or Federal Insurance Administration has delineated both the areas of special flood hazards and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

"Flood insurance study" shall mean the official report provided by the Federal Insurance Administration that includes flood profiles, the flood insurance rate map, the flood boundary and floodway map, and the water surface elevation of the base flood.

"Floodplain or flood-prone area" shall mean any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source. See "Flooding".

"Floodplain administrator" shall mean the individual appointed to administer and enforce the floodplain management regulations.

"Floodplain management" shall mean the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage and preserving and enhancing, where possible, natural resources in the floodplain, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, floodplain management regulations, and open space plans.

"Floodplain management regulations" shall mean this chapter and other zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose chapter (such as grading and erosion control) and other application of police power which control development in flood-prone areas. This term describes federal, state or local regulations in any combination thereof, which provide standards for preventing and reducing flood loss and damage.

"Floodproofing" shall mean any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures, which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures, and their contents.

"Floodway" shall mean the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot. Also referred to as "Regulatory floodway".

"Floodway fringe" shall mean area of the floodplain on either side of the "Regulatory floodway" where encroachment may be permitted.

"Functionally dependent use" shall mean a use, which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

"Governing body" shall mean the local governing unit, i.e. county or municipality, that is empowered to adopt and implement regulations to provide for the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizenry.

"Hardship" as related to Article 5, of this chapter shall mean the exceptional hardship that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance. The board of supervisors requires that the variance be exceptional, unusual, and peculiar to the property involved. Mere economic or financial hardship alone is not exceptional. Inconvenience, aesthetic considerations, physical handicaps, personal preferences, or the disapproval of one's neighbors likewise cannot, as a rule, qualify as an exceptional hardship.

"Highest adjacent grade" shall mean the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.

"Historic structure" shall mean any structure that is:

1. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
2. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
3. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of Interior; or
4. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either by an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states with approved programs.

"Levee" shall mean a manmade structure, usually an earthen embankment, designed and constructed in accordance with sound engineering practices to contain, control or divert the flow of water so as to provide protection from temporary flooding.

"Levee system" shall mean a flood protection system, which consists of a levee, or levees, and associated structures, such as closure and drainage devices, which are constructed and operated in accord with sound engineering practices.

"Lowest floor" shall mean the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area, including basement (see "Basement" definition).

1. An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure below the lowest floor that is usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area, is not considered a building's lowest floor provided it conforms to applicable non-elevation design requirements, including, but not limited to:
 - a. The wet floodproofing standard in Section 15.52.410(c)3.
 - b. The anchoring standards in Section 15.52.410(a).
 - c. The construction materials and methods standards in Section 15.52.410(b).
 - d. The standards for utilities in Section 15.52.420.
2. For residential structures, all sub-grade, enclosed areas are prohibited as they are considered to be basements. This prohibition includes below-grade garages and storage areas.

"Manufactured home" shall mean a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width, or forty body feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. "Manufactured home" includes a mobilehome subject to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C., Sec. 5401, et seq.).

"Manufactured home park or subdivision" shall mean a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

"Market value" shall be determined by estimating the cost to replace the structure in new condition and adjusting that cost figure by the amount of depreciation, which has accrued since the structure was constructed. The cost of replacement of the structure shall be based on a square foot cost factor determined by reference to a building cost estimating guide recognized by the building construction industry. The amount of depreciation shall be determined by taking into account the age and physical deterioration of the structure and functional obsolescence as approved by the floodplain administrator, but shall not include economic obsolescence. Use of replacement costs or accrued depreciation factors different from those contained in recognized building cost estimating guides may be considered only if such factors are included in a report prepared by an independent professional appraiser and supported by a written explanation of the differences.

"Mean sea level" shall mean, for purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program, the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, North American Vertical Datum of 1988, or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community's flood insurance rate map are referenced.

"Mobilehome" shall mean a structure that meets the requirements of a manufactured home. Mobilehome does not include a commercial coach, factory-built housing, or a recreational vehicle.

"New construction," for floodplain management purposes, shall mean structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of floodplain management regulations adopted by this community, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

"New manufactured home park or subdivision" shall mean a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed

(including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date of floodplain management regulations adopted by this community.

"Obstruction" shall include, but is not limited to, any dam, wall, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, protection, excavation, channelization, bridge, conduit, culvert, building, wire, fence, rock, gravel, refuse, fill, structure, vegetation or other material in, along, across or projecting into any watercourse which may alter, impede, retard or change the direction and/or velocity of the flow of water, or due to its location, its propensity to snare or collect debris carried by the flow of water, or its likelihood of being carried downstream.

"One hundred year flood" or "100-year flood." See "Base flood."

"Public safety and nuisance" as related to Article 5, of this chapter shall mean that the granting of a variance must not result in anything, which is injurious to safety or health or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, or river, bay, stream, canal, or basin.

"Recreational vehicle" shall mean either of the following:

- A. A motor home, travel trailer, truck camper, or camping trailer, with or without motive power, designed for human habitation for recreational, emergency or temporary occupancy, which meets all of the following criteria:
 1. It contains less than three hundred twenty square feet of internal living room area, excluding built-in equipment, including, but not limited to, wardrobe, closets, cabinets, kitchen units or fixtures, and bath or toilet rooms.
 2. It contains four hundred square feet or less of gross area measured at maximum horizontal projections.
 3. It is built on a single chassis.
 4. It is either self-propelled, truck-mounted, or permanently towable on the highways without a permit.
- B. A park trailer designed for human habitation for recreational or seasonal use only, which meets all of the following criteria:
 1. It contains four hundred square feet or less of gross floor area measured at the maximum horizontal projections. However, it may not exceed twelve feet in width or forty feet in length in the traveling mode.
 2. It is built on a single chassis.
 3. It may only be transported upon public highways with a permit.

"Regulatory floodway" shall mean the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot.

"Remedy a violation" shall mean to bring the structure or other development into compliance with state or local floodplain management regulations, or, if this is not possible, to reduce the impacts of its noncompliance. Ways that impacts may be reduced include protecting the structure or other affected development from flood damages, implementing the enforcement provisions of the chapter or otherwise deterring future similar violations, or reducing state or federal financial exposure with regard to the structure or other development.

"Riverine" shall mean relating to, formed by, or resembling a river (including tributaries), stream, brook, etc.

"Special flood hazard area (SFHA)" shall mean an area of land that would be inundated by a 100-year flood, and shown on an FHBM or FIRM as Zone A, A1—A30, AE, AO, A99, AH.

"Start of construction" shall mean and include substantial improvement and other proposed new development and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair,

reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within one hundred eighty days from the date of the permit issuance. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufacture home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading, and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

"Structure" shall mean a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground; this includes a gas or liquid storage tank or a manufactured home.

"Substantial damage" shall mean damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

"Substantial improvement" shall mean any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other proposed new development of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures, which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

1. Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations or state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
2. Any alteration of an "historic structure," provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as an "historic structure."

"Variance" shall mean a grant of relief from the requirements of this chapter, which permits construction in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited by this chapter.

"Violation" shall mean the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with this chapter. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in this chapter is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

"Water surface elevation" shall mean the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, North American Vertical Datum of 1988, or other datum, where specified, of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of coastal or riverine areas.

"Watercourse" shall mean a lake, river, creek, stream, wash, arroyo, channel or other topographic feature on or over which waters flow at least periodically. Watercourse includes specifically designated areas in which substantial flood damage may occur.

(Ord. 1792 § 2, 2003)

(Ord. No. 1917, §§ 2, 3, 4-28-2009)

15.52.220 Lands to which this chapter applies.

This chapter shall apply to all areas of special flood hazards within the jurisdiction of the county of Tehama.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.230 Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard.

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) dated May 4, 2009, is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of this chapter. In addition, the accompanying flood insurance rate maps (FIRMs) and flood boundary and floodway maps (FBFMs), with map indexes dated May 4, 2009, are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter. This FIS and attendant mapping is the minimum area of applicability of this chapter and may be supplemented by studies for other areas which allow implementation of this chapter and which are recommended to the board of supervisors by the floodplain administrator. The study, FIRMs and FBFMs are on file at the Tehama County department of building and safety, 444 Oak Street, Room H, Red Bluff, California.

(Ord. 1792 § 3, 2003)

(Ord. No. 1917, §§ 4, 5, 4-28-2009)

15.52.240 Violations.

No structure or land shall hereafter be constructed, located, extended, converted or altered without full compliance with the terms of this chapter and other applicable regulations. Violation of the provisions of this chapter or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall constitute a misdemeanor. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Any violation of the provisions of this chapter is declared to be a nuisance and may be abated. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the county from taking such lawful actions as are necessary to prevent or remedy any violations.

(Ord. 1761 § 3, 2001; Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.250 Abrogation and greater restrictions.

This chapter is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed restrictions. However, where this chapter and another ordinance conflict or overlap, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.260 Interpretation.

In the interpretation and application of this chapter, all provisions shall be:

- A. Considered as minimum requirements;
- B. Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
- C. Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.270 Warning and disclaimer of liability.

The degree of flood protection required by this chapter is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur. Flood heights may be

increased by man-made or natural causes. This chapter does not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazards or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This chapter shall not be construed to impose any mandatory duty upon the County of Tehama or any officer or employee thereof, or to otherwise impose liability upon the County of Tehama or any officer or employee thereof for any act or omission of any nature beyond the liability imposed by the laws of the state or the United States, if any. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this chapter shall not be construed to impose liability upon the County of Tehama or any officer or employee thereof for any flood-related damage or injury that may result from reliance upon this chapter or any administrative decision made pursuant to this chapter, regardless of whether such decision is determined to have been correctly made.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

(Ord. No. 1917, §§ 6, 7, 4-28-2009)

15.52.280 Severability.

This chapter and the various parts thereof are hereby declared to be severable. Should any section of this chapter be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the chapter as a whole, or any portion thereof other than the section so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

ARTICLE III. ADMINISTRATION

15.52.310 Establishment of development permit.

A development permit shall be obtained before any construction or other development begins within any area of special flood hazard established in Section 15.52.230. Application for a development permit shall be made on forms furnished by the floodplain administrator and may include, but not be limited to: plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevation of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, drainage facilities; and the location of the foregoing. Specifically, the following information is required:

- A. Site plan, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Location, dimensions, and elevation of the area in question, existing or proposed structures, storage of materials and equipment and their location, and
 - 2. For all proposed structures, spot ground elevations at twenty-foot or smaller intervals along the foundation footprint, or one foot contour elevations throughout the building site, and
 - 3. Proposed locations of water supply, sanitary sewer, and utilities, and
 - 4. If available, the base flood elevation from the flood insurance study and/or flood insurance rate map, and
 - 5. If applicable, the location of the regulatory floodway; and
 - 6. Base flood elevation information as specified in Section 15.52.230 or 15.52.330(B) of this chapter, as applicable, and
- B. Foundation design detail, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Proposed elevation in relation to mean sea level, of the lowest floor (including basement) of all structures, and

2. For a crawl-space foundation, location and total net area of openings as required in Section 15.52.410(C)(3) of this chapter and FEMA Technical Bulletins 1-93 and 7-93, and
 3. For foundations placed on fill, the location and height of fill, and compaction requirements (compacted to ninety-five percent using Standard Proctor Test method); and
- C. Proposed elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any nonresidential structure will be floodproofed, as required in Section 15.52.410(C)(2) of this chapter and FEMA Technical Bulletin 3-93; and
 - D. All appropriate certifications listed in Section 15.52.330(D) of this chapter; and
 - E. Description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

(Ord. No. 1917, §§ 8, 9, 4-28-2009)

15.52.320 Designation of the floodplain administrator.

The building official is hereby appointed to administer, implement, and enforce this chapter by granting or denying development permits in accord with its provisions.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.330 Duties and responsibilities of the floodplain administrator.

- A. Permit Review. Review all development permits to determine that:
 1. Permit requirements of this chapter have been satisfied;
 2. All other required state and federal permits have been obtained;
 3. The site is reasonably safe from flooding; and
 4. The proposed development does not adversely affect the carrying capacity of areas where base flood elevations have been determined but a floodway has not been designated. For purposes of this chapter, "adversely affects" shall mean that the cumulative effect of the proposed development when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point.
 5. Where applicable, all letters of map revision (LOMR's) for flood control projects are approved prior to the issuance of building permits. Building permits may not be issued based on conditional letters of map revision (CLOMR's).
- B. Review and Use of Any Other Base Flood Data. When base flood elevation data has not been provided in accordance with Section 15.52.230, the floodplain administrator shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal or state agency, or other source, in order to administer Article 4.

If no base flood elevation data is available from a federal or state agency or other source, then a base flood elevation shall be obtained using any of the methods from the FEMA publication "Managing Floodplain Development In Approximate Zone A areas - A Guide For Obtaining And Developing Base (100-year) Flood Elevations," dated July 1995.

- C. Notification of Other Agencies. In alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

1. Notify adjacent communities and the California Department of Water Resources prior to alteration or relocation;
 2. Submit evidence of such notification to the Federal Insurance Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency within six months after the data becomes available; and
 3. Assure that the flood carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse is maintained.
- D. Base Flood Elevation changes due to physical alterations:
1. Within six months of information becoming available or project completion, whichever comes first, the floodplain administrator shall submit or assure that the permit applicant submits technical or scientific data to FEMA for a letter of map revision (LOMR).
- E. Changes in corporate boundaries: The floodplain administrator shall notify FEMA in writing whenever the boundaries of the area subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the County of Tehama have been modified by annexation or other means and include a copy of a map of the community clearly delineating the new corporate limits.
- F. Documentation of Floodplain Development. Obtain and maintain for public inspection and make available, as needed the following:
1. Certification required by Section 15.52.410(c)1. (lowest floor elevations);
 2. Certification required by Section 15.52.410(c)2. (elevation or floodproofing of nonresidential structures);
 3. Certification required by Sections 15.52.410(c)3. (wet floodproofing standard);
 4. Certification of elevation required by Section 15.52.430(b) (subdivision standards);
 5. Certification required by Section 15.52.460 (floodway encroachments).
- G. Map Determinations. Make interpretations, where needed, as to the exact location of the boundaries of the areas of special flood hazard; for example, where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions. The person contesting the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in Article 5, Variance and Appeal Procedure.
- H. Remedial Action. Take action to remedy violations of this chapter as specified in Section 15.52.240.

(Ord. 1792 § 4, 2003)

(Ord. No. 1917, §§ 10, 11, 4-28-2009)

ARTICLE IV. PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION

15.52.410 Standards of construction.

In all areas of special flood hazards the following standards are required:

- A. Anchoring.
1. All new construction and substantial improvements shall be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy.
 2. All manufactured homes shall meet the anchoring standards of Section 15.52.440.

- B. Construction Materials and Methods. All new construction and substantial improvement shall be constructed:
1. With materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage;
 2. Using methods and practices that minimize flood damage;
 3. With electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding; and if
 4. Within zones AH or AO, so that there are adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

C. Elevation and Floodproofing. (See Section 15.52.210, definitions for "basement," "lowest floor," "new construction," "substantial damage" and "substantial improvement.")

1. Residential construction, new or substantial improvement, shall have the lowest floor, including basement:
 - a. In an A zone, elevated to or above the base flood elevation; said base flood elevation shall be determined by one of the methods in Section 15.52.330(B) of this chapter.
 - b. In an AO zone, elevated above the highest adjacent grade to a height equal to or exceeding the depth number specified in feet on the FIRM, or elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent grade if no depth number is specified.
 - c. In all other zones, elevated to or above the base flood elevation.

Upon the completion of the structure, the elevation of the lowest floor including basement shall be certified by a registered professional engineer or surveyor, and verified by the community building inspector to be properly elevated. Such certification and verification shall be provided to the floodplain administrator.

2. Nonresidential construction, new or substantial improvement, shall either be elevated to conform with Section 15.52.410(C)(1) or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities:
 - a. Be floodproofed below the elevation recommended under Section 15.52.410(C)(1) so that the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
 - b. Have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy; and
 - c. Be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the standards of this section are satisfied. Such certification shall be provided to the floodplain administrator.
3. All new construction and substantial improvement with fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor (excluding basements) that are usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage, and which are subject to flooding, shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwater. Designs for meeting this requirement may follow the guidelines in FEMA Technical Bulletins 1-93 and 7-93, however in any event, must meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:
 - a. Be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect; or
 - b. Have a minimum of two openings on different sides of the structure having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwater.
4. Manufactured homes shall also meet the standards in Section 15.52.440.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

(Ord. No. 1917, §§ 12, 13, 4-28-2009)

15.52.420 Standards for utilities.

- A. Water Supply and Sanitary Sewage. All new and replacement water supply and sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate:
 - 1. Infiltration of floodwaters into the systems; and
 - 2. Discharge from the systems into floodwaters.
- B. On-Site Waste Disposal Systems. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them, or contamination from them during flooding.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.430 Standards for subdivisions.

- A. All preliminary subdivision proposals and other proposed developments (including proposals for manufactured home parks and subdivisions) greater than fifty lots or five acres, whichever is lesser, shall identify the flood hazard area and the elevation of the base flood.
- B. All subdivision plans will provide the elevation of proposed structure(s) and pad(s). If the site is filled above the base flood elevation, the following as-built information for each structure shall be certified by a registered civil engineer or licensed land surveyor and provided to the floodplain administrator:
 - 1. Lowest floor elevation.
 - 2. Pad elevation.
 - 3. Lowest adjacent grade.
- C. All subdivision proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.
- D. All subdivision proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage.
- E. All subdivisions shall provide adequate drainage to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

(Ord. 1792 § 5, 2003)

(Ord. No. 1917, §§ 14, 15, 4-28-2009)

15.52.440 Standards for manufactured homes.

- A. All manufactured homes that are placed or substantially improved, within Zones A, A1-30, AE, AO and AH on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map, on sites located:
 - 1. Outside of a manufactured home park or subdivision;
 - 2. In a new manufactured home park or subdivision;
 - 3. In an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision; or
 - 4. In an existing manufactured home park or subdivision on a site upon which a manufactured home has incurred "substantial damage" as the result of a flood, shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated to or above the base flood elevation

and be securely fastened to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation collapse and lateral movement.

- B. All manufactured homes to be placed or substantially improved on sites in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision within Zones A, A1-30, AE, AO and AH on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map that are not subject to the provisions of subsection A of this section will be securely fastened to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation collapse and lateral movement, and elevated so that either the:
1. Lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the base flood elevation; or
 2. Manufactured home chassis is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength that are no less than thirty-six inches in height above grade.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.450 Standards for recreational vehicles.

All recreational vehicles placed on sites within Zones A, A1-30, AE, AO and AH on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map will be on the site for fewer than one hundred eighty consecutive days, and be fully licensed and ready for highway use—a recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.460 Floodways.

Located within areas of special flood hazard established in Section 15.52.230 are areas designated as floodways. Since the floodway is an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of flood waters which carry debris, potential projectiles, and erosion potential, the following provisions apply:

- A. Prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvement, and other new development unless certification by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that encroachments shall not result in any increase in the base flood elevation during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
- B. If subsection A of this section is satisfied, all new construction, substantial improvement, and other proposed new development shall comply with all other applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of Article IV.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

ARTICLE V. VARIANCE AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

15.52.510 Nature of variances.

The variance criteria set forth in this section are based on the general principle of zoning law that variances pertain to a piece of property and are not personal in nature. A variance may be granted for a parcel of property with physical characteristics so unusual that complying with the requirements of this chapter would create an exceptional hardship to the applicant or the surrounding property owners. The characteristics must be unique to the property and not be shared by adjacent parcels. The unique characteristic must pertain to the land itself, not to the structure, its inhabitants, or the property owners.

The granting of a variance shall not cause fraud on or victimization of the public. In examining this requirement, the board of supervisors will consider the fact that every newly constructed building adds to government responsibilities and remains a part of the community for fifty to one hundred years. Buildings that are permitted to be constructed below the base flood elevation are subject during all those years to increased risk of damage from floods, while future owners of the property and the community as a whole are subject to all the costs, inconvenience, danger, and suffering that those increased flood damages bring. In addition, future owners may purchase the property, unaware that it is subject to potential flood damage, and can be insured only at very high flood insurance rates.

It is the duty of the board of supervisors to help protect its citizens from flooding. This need is so compelling and the implications of the cost of insuring a structure built below flood level are so serious that variances from the flood elevation or from other requirements in the flood ordinance are quite rare. The long-term goal of preventing and reducing flood loss and damage can only be met if variances are strictly limited. Therefore, the variance guidelines provided in this chapter are more detailed and contain multiple provisions that must be met before a variance can be properly granted. The criteria are designed to screen out those situations in which alternatives other than a variance are more appropriate.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.520 Conditions for variances.

- A. Variances may be issued for the repair, rehabilitation or restoration of "historic structures" (as defined in Section 15.52.210 of this chapter) upon a determination that the proposed repair, rehabilitation or restoration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as an historic structure and the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.
- B. Variances shall not be issued within any mapped regulatory floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result.
- C. Variances shall only be issued upon a determination that the variance is the "minimum necessary" considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
- D. Variances shall only be issued upon:
 - 1. A showing of good and sufficient cause;
 - 2. A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional "hardship" (as defined in Section 15.52.210 of this chapter) to the applicant; and
 - 3. A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, or extraordinary public expense, create a nuisance (as defined in Section 15.52.210, see "Public Safety and Nuisance"), cause fraud or victimization of the public, or conflict with the existing local laws or ordinances.
- E. Variances may be issued for new construction, substantial improvement, and other proposed new development necessary for the conduct of a functionally dependent use provided that the provisions of subsections A through F of Section 15.52.530 are satisfied and that the structure or other development is protected by methods that minimize flood damages during the base flood and does not result in additional threats to public safety and does not create a public nuisance.
- F. Generally, variances may be issued for new construction and substantial improvements to be erected on a lot of one-half acre or less in size contiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing structures constructed below the base flood level, providing items 1 through 11 of subsection C of Section 15.52.530 have been fully considered. As the lot size increases beyond the one-half acre, the technical justification required for issuing the variance increases.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.530 Appeal board.

- A. The board of supervisors of the county shall hear and decide appeals and requests for variances from the requirements of this chapter.
- B. The board of supervisors of the county shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any requirement, decision, or determination made by the floodplain administrator in the enforcement or administration of this chapter.
- C. In passing upon such appeals and variances, the board of supervisors shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, standards specified in other sections of this chapter, and
 1. The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury of others;
 2. The danger of life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;
 3. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the existing individual owner and future owners of the property;
 4. The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community;
 5. The necessity to the facility of a waterfront location, where applicable;
 6. The availability of alternative locations for the proposed use which are not subject to flooding or erosion damage;
 7. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development;
 8. The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for that area;
 9. The safety of access to the property in time of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;
 10. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the flood waters, and allowance for debris, if applicable, expected at the site;
 11. The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions, including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water system, and streets and bridges.
- D. Upon consideration of the factors of Section 15.52.530(c) and the purposes of this chapter, the board of supervisors may attach such conditions to the granting of variances as it deems necessary to further the purposes of this chapter.
- E. The floodplain administrator shall maintain the records of all appeal actions and report any variance to the Federal Insurance Administration upon request.
- F. Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice over the signature of a community official that:
 1. The issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as twenty-five dollars for one hundred dollars of insurance coverage; and
 2. Such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property; and
 3. Insurance premium rates are determined by statute according to actuarial risk and will not be modified by the granting of a variance.

A copy of the notice shall be recorded by the floodplain administrator in the office of the Tehama County recorder and shall be recorded in a manner so that it appears in the chain of title of the affected parcel of land.

(Ord. 1792 § 6, 2003)

15.52.540 Appeal procedure.

- A. Those aggrieved by a decision of any county department pursuant to this chapter may appeal such decision upon payment of a fee of one hundred dollars to the board of supervisors of the county.
- B. In passing upon such appeal, the board of supervisors shall consider all items delineated in Sections 15.52.520 and 15.52.530 of this chapter.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.550 Nonconforming uses.

A structure or the use of a structure or premises which was lawful before the passage or amendment of Chapter 15.52 of the Tehama County code and/or these rules but which is not in conformity with their provisions, may be continued as a nonconforming use subject to the following conditions:

- A. No such use shall be expanded, changed, enlarged or altered in any way.
- B. Any substantial improvement of a nonconforming structure shall be made in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- C. If any nonconforming use or structure is destroyed by any means, including flood, to the extent of fifty percent or more of its market value immediately prior to the destruction, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

15.52.560 Property rights.

The board of supervisors finds and declares that this chapter is not intended, and shall not be construed, as authorizing the county to exercise its power to adopt, amend or repeal this chapter or implement administrative regulations in a manner which will take or damage private property for public use without the payment of just compensation therefor. This section is not intended to increase or decrease the rights of any owner of property under the Constitution of the state of California or of the United States.

(Ord. 1708 § 2(part), 1999)

Chapter 15.60 STREAMLINED PERMIT PROCESS FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

15.60.010 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the Tehama County "Streamlined Permit Process For Small Residential Rooftop Solar Energy Systems."

(Ord. No. 2010, § 1, 8-18-2015)

15.60.020 Purpose.

This [chapter] adopts a streamlined solar permitting process in compliance with California Government Code section 65850.5, to expedite cost-effective installations of small residential rooftop solar energy systems. Small residential rooftop solar energy systems permitted prior to the effective date of this [chapter] are not subject to the requirements herein unless physical modifications or alterations are undertaken that materially change the size, type, or components of a small rooftop energy system in such a way as to require new permitting. Routine operation and maintenance or like-kind replacements shall not require a permit.

(Ord. No. 2010, § 1, 8-18-2015)

15.60.030 Definitions.

All terms used in this chapter shall have the following definitions:

- (a) "Electronic submittal" means submittal by any of the following means:
 - (1) Email.
 - (2) Facsimile.
- (b) "A feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific, adverse impact" includes but is not limited to, any cost-effective method, condition, or mitigation, imposed by the County on another similarly situated application in a prior successful application for a permit. The County shall use its best efforts to ensure that the selected method, condition, or mitigation meets the conditions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of section 714 of the Civil Code, incorporated here by reference.
- (c) "Small residential rooftop solar energy system" means all of the following:
 - (1) A solar energy system that is no larger than 10 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating or thirty kilowatts thermal.
 - (2) A solar energy system that (1) conforms to all applicable state fire, structural, electrical, and other building codes as adopted by the state and/or amended by the County; (2) all state and county health and safety standards; and (3) all applicable safety and performance standards established by the California Electrical Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and accredited testing laboratories such as Underwrites Laboratories and, where applicable, rules of the public utilities commission regarding safety and reliability;
 - (3) A solar energy system that is installed on a single or duplex family dwelling; and
 - (4) A solar panel or module array that does not exceed the maximum legal building height as defined by the county.
- (d) "Solar energy system" has the same meaning set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 801.5 of the Civil Code, incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) "Specific, adverse impact" means a significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified, and written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date the application was deemed complete.

(Ord. No. 2010, § 1, 8-18-2015)

15.60.040 Application process, review and inspection.

- (a) On or before September 30, 2015, the director of the building department shall adopt an administrative, nondiscretionary expedited review process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems, including standard plan(s) and checklists which shall substantially conform to the recommendations for expedited permitting, including the checklists and standard plans contained in the most current version of the California Solar Permitting Guidebook adopted by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Said standard plan(s) and checklist shall set forth all requirements with which a small residential rooftop solar energy system must comply in order to be eligible for expedited review.
- (b) The director of the building department shall make the checklist and all permitting documentation required for a small residential rooftop solar energy system available to the public on the county website. The building department shall accept applications for such energy systems through electronic submittal, as specified on the county website, and accept electronic signatures in lieu of a wet signature.
- (c) An application shall be deemed complete when staff determines that it satisfies all the information requirements in the checklist.
- (d) If an application is deemed incomplete a written correction notice detailing all deficiencies in the application and any additional information or documentation required to be eligible for expedited permits issuance shall be sent to the applicant for resubmission.
- (e) Only one, timely, inspection shall be required and performed by staff for small residential rooftop solar energy systems eligible for expedited review, excepting a separate fire inspection if necessary. If the system fails inspection, a subsequent inspection is authorized but need not conform to the requirements of this article.
- (f) Upon the building official or its designee's determination that the application is complete, correct, and that it meets the requirements of the checklist, staff shall administratively approve the application and issue all required permits or authorizations. Such approval does not authorize an applicant to connect the small residential rooftop energy system to the local utility provider's electricity grid. The applicant is responsible for obtaining such approval or permission from the local utility provider and in conformance with all other county regulations of such uses.
- (g) If the director of the building department finds, based on substantial evidence, that the proposed energy system could have a specific adverse impact upon the public health and safety, he will refer the application to the Planning Department. If the planning director concurs with the finding, based on substantial evidence, that the proposed energy system could have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health and safety then the applicant must apply for a use permit. The applicant may appeal the planning director's determination that a use permit is required to the planning commission by submitting a written request for appeal within ten calendar days from the date of the planning director's decision. The applicant's failure to so appeal shall make the planning director's determination final and be constituted as a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. The planning commission shall not deny an application for such a use permit unless it makes written findings based on substantial evidence that the proposed installation would have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety, and there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific, adverse impact. The findings shall include the basis for the rejection of potential feasible alternatives preventing the adverse impact.
- (h) Any conditions imposed on an application to install a solar energy system shall be designed to mitigate the specific, adverse impact upon the public health and safety at the lowest possible cost.

(Ord. No. 2010, § 1, 8-18-2015)

