

ORDINANCE NO. 16-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE ORANGE MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING AND AMENDING THE 2025 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODES AND RELATED MODEL CODES, WITH APPENDICES, RELATING TO THE BUILDING CODES

WHEREAS, the State of California adopted new Building Codes in January of 2025; and

WHEREAS, these codes are commonly known as the California Building Standards Codes, and published in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code requires local governments to adopt the most recent editions of the model codes related to construction; and

WHEREAS, State law provides that the model codes may be amended by local governments with respect to local conditions, so long as those changes are not less stringent than the State's minimum requirements; and

WHEREAS, by separate Resolution, the City Council of the City of Orange has made an express finding that changes or modifications are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geographic or topographic conditions; and

WHEREAS, local governments must update their building codes by adopting and amending the State Codes to become effective by January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Orange does ordain as follows:

SECTION I:

Section 15.04.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Building Code – California Construction Codes Adopted by Reference,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.04.010 California Construction Codes Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for erecting, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, improving, removal, conversion, demolition, occupancy, equipment use, height, and area of buildings and structures, the following construction codes subject to the Orange Municipal Code and modifications set forth in this chapter, including errata and supplements hereafter, are hereby adopted: the California Building Code, 2025 Edition, based on the 2024 International Building Code as published by the International Code Council, including Chapter 1, Division II and

Appendices C, F- J, P, and Q; the California Residential Code, 2025 Edition, based on the 2024 International Residential Code, including Appendices BB, BF, CI, and CJ; the California Green Building Standards Code, including Appendices A4, A5, A5.1, A5.2, A5.3, A5.4, A5.5, and A5.6, 2025 Edition; the California Plumbing Code, 2025 Edition, based on the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, including Appendices A, B, D, H, I, J, and R; the California Mechanical Code, 2025 Edition, based on the 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, including Appendices B and C; the California Electrical Code, 2025 Edition, based on the 2023 National Electrical Code as published by the National Fire Protection Association, including Annexes A-D; the International Property Maintenance Code, 2024 Edition, as published by the International Code Council; the Uniform Code For The Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, as published by the International Code Council.

The provisions of these Construction Codes as amended by this chapter shall constitute the Building Regulations of the City of Orange. Where the California Code of Regulations and State Building Standards Code of Regulations differ from any sections of the Construction Codes, state regulations shall prevail over the Construction Codes.

One copy of all the above codes and standards therefor are on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18942(e)(1) and are made available for public inspection.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the above-referenced construction codes, all fees for services provided pursuant to the construction codes shall not take effect until a resolution for such fees is adopted by the City Council pursuant to California Government Code Section 66016.

SECTION II:

Section 15.04.015 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Building Code – Amendments to the 2022 California Building Code”, is hereby amended to read as follows, with remaining sections unchanged:

15.04.015 Amendments to the 2025 California Building Code.

103.1 Creation of Enforcement Agency. The Building and Safety Services Division is hereby created and the official in charge thereof shall be known as the building official. The function of the agency shall be the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the provisions of the code.

Section 3109.2 is revised to read as follows, with all definitions remaining unchanged:

3109.2 Construction permit; safety features required. New or remodel pools or spas, at a private single-family home, shall have an enclosure complying with the amended California Residential Code Appendix CI. Pool barriers which are already in the Code are scoped so as to apply on all private swimming pools.

SECTION III:

Section 15.04.060 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Building Code – California Building Code (CBC) Appendix,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.04.060 California Building Code (CBC) Appendix.

The City Council adopts by reference the following Appendices of the CBC Appendix, 2025 Edition and said Appendices are adopted in total as the law of the City except as provided for this chapter.

Appendix C (Group U- Agricultural Buildings), Appendix F (Rodent Proofing), Appendix G (Flood-Resistant Construction), Appendix H (Signs), Appendix I (Patio Covers), Appendix J (Grading), Appendix P (Sleeping Lofts), and Appendix Q (Emergency Housing)

SECTION IV:

Section 15.05.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Residential Code – California Residential Code Adopted by Reference,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.05.010 California Residential Code Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for erecting, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, improving, removal, conversion, demolition, occupancy, equipment use, height, and area of residential buildings and structures, the following construction code subject to the modifications set forth in this chapter, is hereby adopted: the California Residential Code, including Appendix BB (Tiny Houses), BF (Patio Covers), Appendix CI (Swimming Pool Safety Act), and Appendix CJ (Emergency Housing), 2025 Edition, based on the 2024 International Residential Code as published by the International Code Council, including Division II in Chapter 1.

SECTION V:

The title of Section 15.05.015 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Residential Code – Amendments to the 2022 California Residential Code,” is hereby amended to read as follows, with the remaining sections unchanged:

15.05.015 Amendments to the 2025 California Residential Code.

SECTION VI:

Section 15.05.015 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Residential Code – Amendments to the 2022 California Residential Code,” Appendix AX is hereby amended to read as follows:

Appendix CI, Section CI100 is revised to read as follows:

- (a) Except as provided in Section CI100, 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 item #1 below AND at least one additional following seven drowning prevention features:

#1. An enclosure that meets the requirements of CI100 and isolates the swimming pool and spa from the private single-family home. Any walls of the residential structure or accessory structures used to complete the isolation enclosure must have door openings equipped with protection as required in CI100. Any such door protection device provided for this purpose may not be used to comply with the second drowning prevention feature requirement.

SECTION VII:

Section 15.12.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Mechanical Code – California Mechanical Code Adopted by Reference,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.12.010 California Mechanical Code Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for mechanical equipment design, construction, installation, quality of materials, location, operation and maintenance of heating, ventilating, cooling, refrigeration systems, incinerators, and other miscellaneous heat producing appliances within the city the following construction code subject to the modifications set forth in this chapter, is hereby adopted: the California Plumbing Code, 2025 Edition, based on the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.

SECTION VIII:

Section 15.16.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Plumbing Code – California Plumbing Code Adopted by Reference,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.16.010 California Plumbing Code Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for plumbing equipment construction, alteration, repair, improving, conversion and demolition, the following construction code, subject to the modifications set forth in this chapter, is hereby adopted: the California Plumbing Code, 2025 Edition, based on the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code as published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.

SECTION IX:

Section 15.17.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Green Building Code – California Green Building Standards Code Adopted by Reference,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.17.010 California Green Building Standards Code Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for green building erecting, construction, alteration, repair, improving, conversion and demolition, the following construction code subject to the modifications set forth in this chapter, is hereby adopted: the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGREEN), 2025 Edition, as published by the California Building Standards Commission.

SECTION X:

The title of Section 15.17.015 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Green Building Code – Amendments to the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.17.015 Amendments to the 2025 California Green Building Standards Code.

SECTION XI:

Section 15.24.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Electrical Code – California Electric Code Adopted by Reference,” is hereby amended to read as follows, with the remaining sections unchanged:

15.24.010 California Electrical Code Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for electrical equipment construction, alteration, repair, improving, conversion and demolition, the following construction code, subject to the modifications set forth in this chapter, is hereby adopted: the California Electrical Code, 2025 Edition, based on the 2023 National Electrical Code as published by the National Fire Protection Association.

SECTION XII:

Section 15.52.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Building Security Standards – Scope,” is hereby amended to include Section 15.52.010(E) as follows:

- E. The provisions of Chapter 15.52 shall apply to all activities for which a building permit is required, without limitation as to occupancy classification. Accordingly, the enforcing agency expressly reserves the authority to impose and enforce the residential building security requirements set forth in Section 15.52.080 upon commercial projects and to impose and enforce the non-residential building security requirements set forth in Section

15.52.090 upon residential projects. Such enforcement is necessary and proper to ensure uniform application of building security standards, to promote public safety, and to effectuate the intent of this Chapter.

SECTION XIII:

Section 15.53.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Existing Building Code – California Existing Building Code Adopted by Reference.” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.53.010 California Existing Building Code Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for existing building seismic strengthening, the following construction code, subject to the modifications set forth in this Chapter, is hereby adopted: the California Existing Building Code, 2025 Edition, based on the 2024 International Existing Building Code.

SECTION XIV:

Section 15.54.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Energy Code – California Energy Code Adopted by Reference,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.54.010 California Energy Code Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for building energy compliance, the following construction code, subject to the modifications set forth in this Chapter, is hereby adopted: the California Energy Code, 2025 Edition, as published by the California Energy Commission.

SECTION XV:

Section 15.55.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – International Property Maintenance Code – International Property Maintenance Code Adopted by Reference,” is hereby amended to read as follows, with the remaining sections unchanged:

15.55.010 International Property Maintenance Code Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for building maintenance the following construction code subject to the modifications set forth in this chapter, is hereby adopted: the International Property Maintenance Code, 2024 Edition, as published by the International Code Council.

SECTION XVI:

Section 15.57.010 of the Orange Municipal Code, “Buildings and Construction – California Historic Building Code – California Historic Building Code Adopted by Reference,” is revised to read as follows:

15.57.010 California Historic Building Code Adopted by Reference.

For the purpose of prescribing regulations for historic building regulations, the following construction code is hereby adopted: the California Historic Building Code, 2025 Edition, as published by the California Building Standards Commission.

SECTION XVII:

If any section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one (or more) section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase had been declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION XVIII:

The City Clerk is hereby directed to certify the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of its final passage.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Daniel R. Slater, Mayor, City of Orange

ATTEST:

Pamela Coleman, City Clerk, City of Orange

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nathalie Adourian, City Attorney, City of Orange

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)
CITY OF ORANGE)

I, PAMELA COLEMAN, City Clerk of the City of Orange, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at the regular meeting of the City Council held on the 14th day of October, 2025, and thereafter at the regular meeting of said City Council duly held on the ___ day of _____, 2025, was duly passed and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Pamela Coleman, City Clerk, City of Orange