BIC Regular Meeting of October 18, 2023

Agenda Item 6



London N. Breed, Mayor Patrick O'Riordan, C.B.O., Director

October 11, 2023

Building Inspection Commission 49 South Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Building, Green Building, Mechanical, Plumbing Codes – Amending Findings Supporting Enactment of 2022 Codes

Honorable Members of the Commission:

October 11, 2023 the Code Advisory Committee (CAC) convened to review an ordinance amending the local findings included by reference in the following ordinances: 1) 2022 San Francisco Building Code (Ordinance Number 225-22); 2) 2022 San Francisco Green Building Code (Ordinance Number 227-22); 3) 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code (Ordinance Number 228-22); San Francisco Plumbing Code (Ordinance Number 230-22); and directing the Clerk of the Board to forward the ordinance in Board File No. ______ to the California Building Standards Commission as required by State law.

After a discussion of the proposed findings to the ordinances listed above the committee voted unanimously to recommend the Building Inspection Commission approve the proposed ordinance as written.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Secretary to the Code Advisory Committee
- cc. Patrick O'Riordan, C.B.O. Director
 Christine Gasparac, Assistant Director
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 Ned Finnie, AIA, Chair, Code Advisory Committee
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Attach: Proposed Ordinance

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1		en Building, Mechanical, Plumbing Codes - Amending Findings Supporting 2022 Codes]						
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3	Ordinance amending the local findings included by reference in the following							
4	ordinances:	1) 2022 San Francisco Building Code (Ordinance Number 225-22); 2) 2022						
5	San Franciso	co Green Building Code (Ordinance Number 227-22); 3) 2022 San Francisco						
6	Mechanical (Code (Ordinance Number 228-22); 4) San Francisco Plumbing Code						
7	(Ordinance N	Number 230-22); and directing the Clerk of the Board to forward the						
8	ordinance in	Board File No to the California Building Standards						
9	Commission	as required by State law.						
10	NOTE							
11		Additions to Codes are in <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u> . Deletions to Codes are in <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman font</u> .						
12		Board amendment additions are in <u>double-underlined Arial font</u> . Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font.						
13		Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.						
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15	Be it o	rdained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:						
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17	Section	n 1. Environmental Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the						
18	actions conte	mplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act						
19	(California Pu	blic Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with						
20	the Clerk of the	ne Board of Supervisors in File No and is incorporated herein by						
21	reference. Th	ne Board affirms this determination.						
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23	Section	n 2. General Findings.						
24	(a)	The California Building Standards Code is contained in Title 24 of the California						
25	Code of Regu	lations. It consists of 12 Parts, which are based upon model codes that are						

1 amended by the State agencies with jurisdiction over the subject matter. The State of 2 California adopts a new California Building Standards Code every three years ("triennial 3 CBSC") with supplemental amendments published in intervening years. Local jurisdictions must enforce the California Building Standards Code but they may also enact more restrictive 4 5 building standards that are reasonably necessary because of local climate, geologic, or 6 topographical conditions. Local amendments may be made both to a triennial CBSC and also 7 to its individual Parts during the intervening years; however, local amendments previously 8 adopted are not automatically applicable to a triennial CBSC. Rather, they must be re-enacted 9 with the required findings of local climate, geologic, or topographical conditions, expressly made applicable to the new triennial CBSC, and with an operative date no earlier than the 10 11 effective date of the new State Code.

12 (d) Consistent with the triennial CBSC, the Board of Supervisors: repealed the 2019 13 San Francisco Building and enacted the 2022 San Francisco Building Code by the enactment of Ordinance Number 225-22, in Board File No. 220940; repealed the 2019 San Francisco 14 15 Green Building Code and enacted the 2022 San Francisco Green Building Code by the 16 enactment of Ordinance Number 227-22, in Board File No. 220942; repealed the 2019 San 17 Francisco Mechanical Code and enacted the 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code by the 18 enactment of Ordinance Number 228-22, in Board File No. 220943; and repealed the 2019 San Francisco Plumbing Code and enacted the 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code by the 19 20 enactment of Ordinance Number 230-22, in Board File No. 220945 (hereinafter, collectively, 21 "2022 Building Code Ordinances").

(e) Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5,
 the Board of Supervisors made express findings, section-by-section, that each local
 amendment to the California Building Standards Codes was reasonably necessary because of

local conditions. The findings are contained in Exhibit A to each of the 2022 Building Code
 Ordinances, and are on file with the Clerk of the Board in the respective Board Files.

(f) Upon enactment of the 2022 Building Code Ordinances, the Clerk of the Board
of Supervisors forwarded the ordinances to the California Building Standards Commission.
The California Building Standards discovered technical omissions in Exhibit A to these 2022
Building Code Ordinances and requested correction to the respective files. This Ordinance
makes the technical corrections requested by the California Building Standards Commission
by updating the local findings incorporated by reference in each of the Building Code
Ordinances.

(g) On ______, at a duly noticed public hearing, the Building Inspection
Commission considered this ordinance in accordance with Charter Section D3.750-5 and
Building Code Section 104A.2.11.1.1. A copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Building
Inspection Commission regarding the Commission's recommendation is on file with the Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____.

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Section 3. Findings Regarding Local Conditions. Pursuant to California Health and 16 17 Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5, the Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the local conditions described in: Corrected Exhibit A to the 2022 San Francisco Building 18 Code; Corrected Exhibit A to the 2022 San Francisco Green Building Code; Corrected Exhibit 19 20 A to the 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code; and Corrected Exhibit A to the 2022 San 21 Francisco Plumbing Code constitute a general summary of the most significant local 22 conditions giving rise to the need for modification of the respective 2022 California Building 23 Standards Codes and are reasonably necessary based upon these local conditions. Each 24 Corrected Exhibit A is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No.

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- Section 4. The 2022 San Francisco Building Code Ordinances are amended as
 follows:
- 4 (a) Ordinance Number 225-22, File No. 220940 is amended by replacing Exhibit A
 5 with the Corrected Exhibit A to the 2022 San Francisco Building Code in Board File No.
 6 _____. The corrections are tracked in italicized and underlined type and deletions are in
 7 strikeout text.
- 8 (b) Ordinance Number 227-22, File No. 220942 is amended by replacing Exhibit A
 9 with the Corrected Exhibit A to the 2022 San Francisco Green Building Code in Board File No.
 10 _____. The corrections are tracked in italicized and underlined type and deletions are in
 11 strikeout text.
- (c) Ordinance Number 228-22, File No. 220943 is amended by replacing Exhibit A
 with the Corrected Exhibit A to the 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code in Board File No.
 . The corrections are tracked in italicized and underlined type and deletions are in
 strikeout text.
- (d) Ordinance Number 230-22, File No. 220945 is amended by replacing Exhibit A
 with the Corrected Exhibit A to the 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code in Board File No.
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 strikeout text.
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1	Section 8. Directions to Clerk. Upon enactment of this ordinance, the Clerk of the
2	Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to transmit this ordinance to the California Building
3	Standards Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law and to update the
4	Board files of the 2022 Building Code Ordinances to add the ordinance in Board File No.
5	and a copy of the applicable Corrected Exhibit A.
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8	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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Building Inspection Commission October 18, 2023

Agenda Item #6

Ordinance amending the local findings included by reference in the following ordinances: 1) 2022 San Francisco Building Code (Ordinance Number 225-22); 2) 2022 San Francisco Green Building Code (Ordinance Number 227-22); 3) 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code (Ordinance Number 228-22); 4) San Francisco Plumbing Code (Ordinance Number 230-22); and directing the Clerk of the Board to forward the ordinance in Board File No. to the California Building Standards Commission as required by State law.

Note: this ordinance has not yet been submitted for introduction at the Board of Supervisors. Staff are seeking the Building Inspection Commission's approval and recommendation of approval to the Board of Supervisors before the Department introduces the ordinance.

Background

Consistent with the triennial California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) code cycle, the Board of Supervisors repealed the 2019 San Francisco Building Codes and enacted the 2022 San Francisco Building Codes by the enactment of Ordinance.

The Board of Supervisor made express findings, section-by-section, that each local amendment to the California Building Standards Codes was reasonably necessary because of local conditions (generally related to topography, geography and climate).

The findings are contained in an Exhibit to each of the 2022 Building Code Ordinances, and are on file with the Clerk of the Board in the respective Board Files.

Upon enactment of the 2022 Building Code Ordinances, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors forwarded the ordinances to the CBSC. The CBSC discovered technical omissions in the Exhibit to these 2022 Building Code Ordinances and requested correction to the respective files.

This ordinance makes the technical corrections requested by the CBSC by updating the index of local findings incorporated by reference in each of the Building Code Ordinances.

The ordinance makes no changes to the underlying Building Codes, only the findings indexes.

Code Advisory Committee Recommendation

The Code Advisory Committee met October 11, 2023 and voted unanimously to make a recommendation to the BIC to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance.



Ordinance: Technical Edits to the Findings Supporting Local Amendments to the SF Building Codes Building Inspection Commission – Agenda Item #6 October 18, 2023

Amending Local Findings in the 2022 Building Code Ordinances

Ordinance amending the local findings included by reference in the following ordinances:

- 1) 2022 San Francisco Building Code (Ordinance Number 225-22);
- 2) 2022 San Francisco Green Building Code (Ordinance Number 227-22);
- 3) 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code (Ordinance Number 228-22);
- 4) San Francisco Plumbing Code (Ordinance Number 230-22)

Possible action is to make a recommendation of approval to the Board of Supervisors.

Amending Local Findings in the 2022 Building Code Ordinances

This ordinance has not yet been submitted for introduction at the Board of Supervisors.

Staff are seeking the Building Inspection Commission's approval before the Department introduces the ordinance.

Background

- Consistent with the triennial California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) code cycle, the Board of Supervisors enacted the 2022 San Francisco Building Codes.
- The Board of Supervisors made express findings, section-bysection, that each local amendment to the California Building Standards Code was reasonably necessary because of local conditions (generally related to topography, geography and climate).
- The findings are contained in Exhibit A to each of the 2022 Building Code Ordinances, and are on file with the Clerk of the Board in the respective Board files.

Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A

STANDARD FINDINGS FOR SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING STANDARDS CODE AMENDMENTS:

- Certain buildings/occupancies in San Francisco are at increased risk for earthquake-induced failure and consequent fire due to local hazardous micro zones, slide areas, and local liquefaction hazards. (Geology)
- Certain buildings/occupancies in San Francisco are at increased risk of fire due to high density of buildings on very small lots, with many buildings built up to the property lines. (Topography)
- Topography of San Francisco has let to development of a high density of buildings on small lots, necessitating special provisions for exiting, fire separation, or fire-resistive construction. (Topography)
- Many buildings are built on steep hills and narrow streets, requiring special safety consideration. (Topography)
- Additional fire, structural and other protection is required due to high building density and crowded occupancy. (Topography)
- San Francisco has narrow, crowded sidewalks due to building and population density and unusual topography. (Topography)
- All rain water in San Francisco drains to the building drains and sewer; unusual geology, occasional extremely high local rainfall amounts, and the configuration of the City as a peninsula restrict the installation of separate storm water and sewer systems. (Topography, Climate, Geology)
- Moist, corrosive atmosphere of salt-laden fog in San Francisco necessitates additional requirements. (Climate)
- 9. Not a building standard; no local findings required.
- Soil conditions in this region induce adverse reactions with some materials, leading to premature failures and subsequent unsanitary conditions. (Climate)
- The region is subject to fluctuating rainfall due to changes in climatic conditions. (Climate)
- 12. San Francisco is a peninsula surrounded on three sides by water at sea level; mitigation of climate change impacts, including sea level rise, is critical to the

long term protection of the local built environment and local infrastructure. (Topography)

- Climate and potential climate change impacts San Francisco's water resources, including reservoirs and distribution facilities. (Climate)
- Organic material in San Francisco's waste breaks down into methane gas which is a significant contributor to climate change. (Climate)
- San Francisco is topographically constrained and its built environment occupies most available land, requiring minimization of debris and solid waste. (Topography)
- 16. Prevailing winds, coastal mountain ranges, and periodic seasonal high temperatures contribute to photochemical reactions that produce smog and ozone; limiting the emission of smog's chemical precursors - volatile organic chemicals and oxides of nitrogen - is necessary to health and safety. (Climate, Topography)
- The aquifers underlying San Francisco are small relative to local population, necessitating ongoing water imports and special provisions to ensure efficient use of water in local buildings. (Geology)

Background

- The CBSC discovered technical omissions in the index of findings associated with the 2022 Building Code Ordinances and requested correction to the respective files.
- This ordinance would make the technical corrections requested by the CBSC by updating the index of local findings incorporated by reference in each of the Building Code Ordinances.
- The ordinance makes no changes to the underlying Building Codes, only the findings indexes.

Code Advisory Committee Recommendation

The Code Advisory Committee met October 12, 2023 and made a unanimous recommendation to the BIC to recommend approval of the ordinance.



THANK YOU