

Preface

This document is the 4th Part of the official 2001 triennial compilation and publication of the adoptions, amendments and repeal of building regulations to the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, also referred to as the *California Building Standards Code*. This Part is known as the *California Mechanical Code* and incorporates by adoption the 2000 edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials with necessary California amendments.

The *California Building Standards Code* is published in its entirety every three years by order of the California legislature, with supplements published in intervening years. The California legislature delegated authority to various State agencies, boards, commissions and departments to create building regulations to implement the State's statutes. These building standards have the same force of law, and take effect 180 days after their publication unless otherwise stipulated. *The California Building Standards Code* applies to all occupancies throughout the State of California as annotated.

A city, county or city and county may establish more restrictive building standards reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions. Findings of the local condition(s) and the adopted local building standard(s) must be filed with the California Building Standards Commission to become effective and may not be effective sooner than the effective date of this edition of *California Building Standards Code*. Local building standards adopted to be applicable to previous editions of the *California Building Standards Code* do not apply to this edition without appropriate adoption and the required filing.

To familiarize yourself with the format of this code, it is suggested that users review the following Pages:

- How to Distinguish Model Code Language From California Amendments
- Matrix Adoption tables

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