

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2402

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARSON CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CITY OF CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE BY MODIFYING ARTICLE III ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2023 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE (TITLE 32) AND ARTICLE VIII ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2023 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE (TITLE 26), ELECTRICAL CODE (TITLE 27), PLUMBING CODE (TITLE 28), MECHANICAL CODE (TITLE 29), RESIDENTIAL CODE (TITLE 30), EXISTING BUILDING CODE (TITLE 33), WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO (CITY COUNCIL)

WHEREAS California law requires that on January 1, 2023, all portions of the 2022 California Code of Regulations Title 24 will be effective within the City.

WHEREAS the City may amend the provisions of the California Code of Regulations Title 24 provided express findings for each amendment, addition or deletion is made based upon climatic, topographical or geological conditions.

WHEREAS the City shall file the amendments, additions or deletions with California Building Standards Commission.

WHEREAS the City's Building Official has recommended modifying certain parts of California Code of Regulations Title 24 due to local conditions in the City of Carson.

WHEREAS the findings supporting the necessity for the amendments to building standards herein are contained in Exhibit "A" to this ordinance in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 18941.5 and are incorporated by reference herein.

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, the adoption of local amendments to the California Building Standards Code, and amending the City of Carson Municipal Code, are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The City Council has duly considered Climatic Conditions, Topographic Conditions, and Geological Conditions and all information presented to it, including written staff reports and any testimony provided at the public hearing, with all testimony received being made a part of the public record.

SECTION 2. THE PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the City of Carson Municipal Code by adopting by reference, and amending where necessary, that certain ordinances of the County of Los Angeles Codes, Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Residential, Existing Building, which adopt by reference California Code California Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Residential, and Existing Building Codes and which make amendments, additions and deletions thereto. Therefore, set forth in Exhibit "A" of this Ordinance the City of Carson Municipal Code is hereby amended by repealing the old and replacing with the new:

1. Article III Chapter 1 Fire Prevention Code Section 3100
2. Article VIII Chapter 1 Building Code
3. Article VIII Chapter 2 Electrical Code
4. Article VIII Chapter 3 Plumbing Code
5. Article VIII Chapter 4 Mechanical Code

SECTION 3. EFFECT OF AMENDMENTS. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Ordinance, all other provisions of Article VIII remain the same.

SECTION 4. CATCHLINES OF SECTIONS. The catchlines of the several sections of this code printed in boldface type are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections; nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will 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 and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. CERTIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of and the proceedings of the City Council at which the same is passed and adopted. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its passage. The City Clerk shall cause a summary of this ordinance to be published in accordance with Government Code Section 36933 in a newspaper of general circulation which is hereby designated for that purpose.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on this 20th day of February 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY OF CARSON:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CARSON)

I, Dr. Khaleah Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing ordinance, being Ordinance No. 24-2402, adopted by the City of Carson City Council at its meeting held on February 20, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
RECUSED: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

1. Section 3100 of Chapter 1 of Article III repealed and replaced with new Section 3100.

ARTICLE III - PUBLIC SAFETY

CHAPTER 1 FIRE PREVENTION

3100 Fire Prevention Code Adopted.

Except as hereinafter provided, Title 32, Fire Code, of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended adopting the California Fire Code, 2022 Edition (Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), is hereby adopted by reference, and shall be known and may be cited as the Fire Code of the City of Carson.

In the event of any conflict between a provision of the California Fire Code, 2022 Edition, Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code, or any amendment to the Fire Code contained in the Carson Municipal Code, the provision contained in the latter listed document shall control.

Copies of Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Fire Code, 2022 Edition, have been deposited in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Carson and shall be at all times maintained by the City Clerk for use and examination by the public.

2. Chapter 1, Chapter 2, Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 of the Article VIII repealed and replaced with new Chapter 1, Chapter 2, Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 ARTICLE VIII -

BUILDING REGULATIONS – SEWAGE AND WASTE

CHAPTER 1 BUILDING CODE

8100 Adoption of Building Code.

Except as hereinafter provided, Title 26, Building Code, of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect on January 1, 2023, adopting the California Building Code, 2022 Edition (Part 2 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), is hereby adopted by reference, and shall be known and may be cited as the Building Code of the City of Carson.

The provisions of the Building Code, Existing Building Code, and Residential Code applying to dwellings, lodging houses, congregate residences, motels, apartment houses, or other uses classified by the Building Code as a Group R Occupancy and including Chapters 1, 2, 96, 98 and 99 shall constitute and may be cited as the Building Code of the City of Carson.

In the event of any conflict between a provision of the California Building Code, 2022 Edition, Title 26 of

the Los Angeles County Code, or any amendment to the Building Code contained in the Carson Municipal Code, the provision contained in the latter listed document shall control.

Copies of Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Building Code, 2022 Edition, have been deposited in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Carson and shall be at all times maintained by the City Clerk for use and examination by the public.

8101 Violations and Penalties.

(a) Compliance with Code. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert, demolish, equip, use, occupy or maintain any building or structure or perform any grading in the City of Carson, or cause the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of the Building Code.

(b) Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of the Building Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and each such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of the Building Code is committed, continued or permitted, and upon conviction of any such violation such person shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

8102 Amendment to Building Code.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Carson Municipal Code Section [8100](#), the Building Code is amended by amending the following definitions in Section 202 thereof to read:

Section 202. Definitions.

In additions to the definitions specified in Chapter 2 of this Code, the following certain terms, phrases, words and their derivatives shall be construed as specified in this section. Terms, phrases and words used in the masculine gender include the feminine and the feminine the masculine. In the event of conflicts between these definitions and definitions that appear elsewhere in this Code, these definitions shall govern and be applicable.

“Board of Supervisors” shall mean the City of Carson City Council.

“Building Department” shall mean the Building and Safety Division of the City of Carson
Community Development Department

“County,” “County of Los Angeles,” or “unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles” may mean City of Carson or Los Angeles County depending on the context.

“Electrical Code” shall mean the Electrical Code as adopted by Carson Municipal Code [8200](#).

“Fire Code” shall mean the Fire Code as adopted by Carson Municipal Code [3100](#).

“Fire Zone” shall mean the fire zone adopted by an ordinance creating and establishing fire zones.

“Health Code” or “Los Angeles County Health Code” shall mean the Health Code as adopted by Carson Municipal Code [5100](#) as amended.

“Mechanical Code” shall mean the Mechanical Code as adopted by Carson Municipal Code [8400](#) as amended.

“Plumbing Code” shall mean the Plumbing Code as adopted by Carson Municipal Code [8300](#) as amended.

8103 Amendment to Building Code.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Carson Municipal Code Section [8100](#), the Building Code is hereby amended by providing that the amount of each and every fee set forth in said Building Code, including but not limited to the fees set forth in Section 107 and in Table Nos. 1-A and 1- B of said Building Code, shall be the fee set forth in the most current resolution of the City Council establishing fees pursuant to said Building Code. In the event no such resolution is in effect said fees shall be twenty-five (25) percent greater than those set forth in said Building Code.

8104 Amendment to Building Code.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Carson Municipal Code Section [8100](#), the Building Code is hereby amended by:

(A) Adding a paragraph at the end of Section 107.1 to read:

The building permit fee for structures required to have a methane gas control system by Section 110.3 shall be one hundred twenty-five (125) percent of the fees indicated in the fee schedule established by the City Council Resolution.

(B) Adding a paragraph at the end of Section 107.2 to read:

A methane gas control system plan check fee is required for all structures regulated by Section 110.3. Said fee shall be in an amount equal to two staff-hours minimum and additional fee beyond the minimum shall be per the hourly plan review fee indicated in the fee schedule established by the City Council Resolution.

(C) Adding a subpart 14 to Section 107.8 to read:

For review of a gas monitoring report for a structure regulated by Section 110.3 shall be equal to the minimum plan review fee indicated in the fee schedule established by the City.

(D) Section 107.19 is deleted in its entirety.

8105 Los Angeles County Building Code Title 26, Chapter 68, Expedited Permitting for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Energy Systems Adopted.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Carson Municipal Code Section 8100, Chapter 68 (Expedited Permitting for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Energy Systems) of Title 26 of the Building Code of the Los Angeles County Code enacted on September 1, 2015, is hereby adopted in its entirety by reference and expressly incorporated herein. Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code is hereby made a part of this chapter as if, for all intents and purposes, fully set forth in this Chapter. This adoption by reference shall include any subsequent amendments to Title 26 unless modified in this Chapter.

8106 Adoption of Existing Building Code.

Except as hereinafter provided, Title 33, Existing Building Code, of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect on January 1, 2023, adopting the California Existing Building Code, 2022 Edition (Part 10 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), is hereby adopted by reference, and shall be known and may be cited as the Existing Building Code of the City of Carson.

The provisions of the Building Code, Existing Building Code, Residential Code, and Green Building Code applying to dwellings, lodging houses, congregate residences, motels, apartment houses, or other uses classified by the Building Code as a Group R Occupancy and including Chapters 1, 2, 98 and 99 shall constitute and may be cited as the Existing Building Code of the City of Carson.

In the event of any conflict between a provision of the California Existing Building Code, 2022 Edition, Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, or any amendment to the Existing Building Code contained in the Carson Municipal Code, the provision contained in the latter listed document shall control.

Copies of Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Existing Building Code, 2022 Edition, have been deposited in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Carson and shall be at all times maintained by the City Clerk for use and examination by the public.

8107 Adoption of Residential Code.

Except as hereinafter provided, Title 30, Residential Code, of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect on January 1, 2023, adopting the California Residential Code, 2022 Edition (Part 2.5 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), is hereby adopted by reference, and shall be known and may be cited as the Residential Code of the City of Carson.

The provisions of the Building Code, Existing Building Code, Residential Code, and Green Building Code applying to dwellings, lodging hours, congregate residences, motels, apartment houses, or other uses classified by the Building Code as a Group R Occupancy and including Chapters 1, 2, 98 and 99 of the Building Code shall constitute and may be cited as the Residential Code of the City of Carson.

In the event of any conflict between a provision of the California Residential Code, 2022 Edition, Title 30 of the Los Angeles County Code, or any amendment to the Residential Code contained in the Carson Municipal Code, the provision contained in the latter listed document shall control.

Copies of Title 30 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Residential Code, 2022 Edition, have been deposited in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Carson and shall be at all times maintained by the City Clerk for use and examination by the public.

CHAPTER 2 ELECTRICAL CODE

8200 Adoption of Electrical Code.

Except as hereinafter provided, Title 27, Electrical Code, of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect on January 1, 2023, adopting the California Electrical Code, 2022 Edition (Part 3 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), is hereby adopted by reference, and shall be known and may be cited as the Electrical Code of the City of Carson.

In the event of any conflict between a provision of the California Electrical Code, 2022 Edition, Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Code, or any amendment to the Electrical Code contained in the Carson Municipal Code, the provision contained in the latter listed document shall control.

Copies of Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Electrical Code, 2022 Edition, have been deposited in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Carson and shall be at all times maintained by the City Clerk for use and examination by the public.

8201 Definitions.

Whenever any of the following names or terms are used in the Electrical Code adopted by Carson Municipal Code [8200](#), each such name or term shall be deemed and construed to have the meaning ascribed to it in this Section as follows:

“Chief Electrical Inspector” shall mean the Building Official of the City of Carson.

“County,” “County of Los Angeles” or “unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles” may mean City of Carson or Los Angeles County depending on the context.

8202 Violations and Penalties.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to violate any of the provisions of this Chapter. Each person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day or portion thereof during which such violation is committed, continued or permitted and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

8203 Amendment to Electrical Code.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Carson Municipal Code [8200](#), the Electrical Code is hereby amended by increasing the amount of each and every fee set forth in said Electrical Code, including but not limited to the fees set forth in Section 82-8 of said Electrical Code, to be the fee set forth in the most current resolution of the City Council establishing fees pursuant to said Electrical Code. In the event no such resolution is in effect said fees shall be twenty-five (25) percent greater than those set forth in said Electrical Code.

CHAPTER 3 PLUMBING CODE

8300 Adoption of Plumbing Code.

Except as hereinafter provided, Title 28, Plumbing Code, of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect on January 1, 2023, adopting the California Plumbing Code, 2022 Edition (Part 5 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), is hereby adopted by reference, and shall be known and may be cited as the Plumbing Code of the City of Carson.

In the event of any conflict between a provision of the California Plumbing Code, 2022 Edition, Title 28 of the Los Angeles County Code, or any amendment to the Plumbing Code contained in the Carson Municipal Code, the provision contained in the latter listed document shall control.

Copies of Title 28 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Plumbing Code, 2022 Edition, have been deposited in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Carson and shall be at all times maintained by the City Clerk for use and examination by the public.

8301 Definitions.

Whenever any of the following names or terms are used in the Plumbing Code, each such name or term shall be deemed and construed to have the meaning ascribed to it in this Section as follows:

“Administrative Authority,” “Chief Plumbing Inspector” or “Plumbing Inspector” shall mean the Building Official of the City of Carson

“County,” “County of Los Angeles” or “unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles” may mean City of Carson or Los Angeles County depending on the context.

8302 Violations and Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of the Plumbing Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each separate day or any portion thereof, during which any violation of the Plumbing Code occurs or continues, shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable as herein provided.

8303 Amendment to Plumbing Code.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Carson Municipal Code [8300](#), the Plumbing Code is hereby amended by increasing the amount of each and every fee set forth in said Plumbing Code, including but not limited to the fees set forth in Section 49, including Table 1-1 of said Plumbing Code, to be the fee set forth in the most current resolution of the City Council establishing fees pursuant to said Plumbing Code. In the event no such resolution is in effect said fees shall be twenty-five (25) percent greater than those set forth in said Plumbing Code.

CHAPTER 4 MECHANICAL CODE

8400 Adoption of Mechanical Code.

Except as hereinafter provided, Title 29, Mechanical Code, of the Los Angeles County Code, as amended and in effect on January 1, 2023, adopting the California Mechanical Code, 2022 Edition (Part 4 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), is hereby adopted by reference, and shall be known and may be cited as the Mechanical Code of the City of Carson.

In the event of any conflict between a provision of the California Mechanical Code, 2022 Edition, Title 29 of the Los Angeles County Code, or any amendment to the Mechanical Code contained in the Carson Municipal Code, the provision contained in the latter listed document shall control.

Copies of Title 29 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Mechanical Code, 2022 Edition, have been deposited in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Carson and shall be at all times maintained by the City Clerk for use and examination by the public.

8402 Violations and Penalties.

No person, firm or corporation shall erect, install, alter, repair, relocate, add to, replace, use or maintain heating, ventilating, comfort cooling, or refrigeration equipment in the jurisdiction, or cause the same to be done, contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of the Mechanical Code. Maintenance of equipment which was unlawful at the time it was installed, and which would be unlawful under said Mechanical Code, shall constitute a continuing violation of said Mechanical Code.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of said Mechanical Code shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and each such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of any of the provisions of said Mechanical Code is committed, continued, or permitted, and upon conviction of any such violation, such person shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

8403 Amendment to Mechanical Code.

Notwithstanding the provisions of CMC [8400](#), the Mechanical Code is hereby amended by increasing the amount of each and every fee set forth in said Mechanical Code, including but not limited to the fees set forth in Section 115 and Table 1-A of said Mechanical Code, to be the fee set forth in the most current resolution of the City Council establishing fees pursuant to said Mechanical Code. In the event no such resolution is in effect said fees shall be twenty-five (25) percent greater than those set forth in said Mechanical Code.