

# 2022 Fire Code Adoption

## Summary of Changes

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### Purpose

The 2022 California Fire Code has gone through modification since the last code adoption cycle for a number of reasons. Some sections have been edited by the International Code Committee and the various California Code committees for greater clarity as to the applicability and intent of the code.

Codes are modified to take into account improvements in industry practices and procedures and to provide consistency with revisions in state and federal law. Items listed below are amendments or additions to the Santa Barbara Code, Chapter 15.

Summary Chapter 15 Changes (items in bold italics are changes to Chapter 15 in 2022):

Sec. 15-2	<b><i>Rules of construction</i></b> <b><i>Added and amended language to further clarify fire protection certificate, application for review</i></b>
101.1	Title Amended by adding "Santa Barbara County" as the jurisdiction
102.1	Construction and design provisions Added exception for agricultural buildings
103	<b><i>CODE COMPLIANCE AGENCY</i></b> <b><i>Title was changed in the 2022 CFC</i></b> Adopted in its entirety with amendments
103.1	<b><i>Creation of Agency</i></b> <b><i>Amended by inserting "The Santa Barbara County Fire Department"</i></b>
104	<b><i>Duties and Powers of the Fire Code Official</i></b> <b><i>Title was changed in the 2022 CFC</i></b> Adopted in its entirety with amendments
104.6	Official Records Amended to clarify application
105	Permits Adopted in its entirety with amendments
105.5.18	Flammable and combustible liquids <b><i>Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC</i></b> Amended by adding addition permit requirement

- 105.5.33 Motor fuel-dispensing facilities  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 106** ***Construction Documents***  
*Adopted in its entirety*
- 107** Fees  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
Adopted in its entirety with amendments
- 107.2** Schedule of permit fees  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
*Amended language to add, “[where] a permit fee is required...”*
- 108** Inspections  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
Adopted in its entirety
- 109** Maintenance  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
Adopted in its entirety
- 110** ***Service Utilities***  
*Adopted in its entirety*
- 112** Violations  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
Adopted in its entirety with amendments
- 112.4** Violation Penalties  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
*Amended to add Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 24A – Administrative Fines*
- 113** ***Main Service Utilities - Deleted***  
*Section was deleted in the 2022 CFC*
- 113** Stop Work Order  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
Adopted in its entirety with amendments
- 113.4** Failure to Comply  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
Amended to add Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 15
- 114** ***Unsafe Structures or Equipment***  
*Adopted in its entirety*
- 202 General Definitions  
*Adding back in the definition of AWNINGS (previously deleted)*  
*Adding the definition of ENCLOSED FLOOR AREA*  
*Amending the definition of FIRE PROTECTION CERTIFICATE (FPC)*  
*Deleting the definition of FIRE PROTECTION PLAN (address later in Chapter 15)*

- 306            **Motion Picture Projection Rooms and Film**  
*Title was changed in the 2022 CFC*  
 Adopted in its entirety
- 309            **Powered Industrial Trucks and Equipment**  
*Title was changed in the 2022 CFC*  
 Adopted in its entirety
- 319            **Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles - Deleted**  
*Section was deleted in the 2022 CFC*
- 321            **Artificial Combustible Vegetation**  
*Adopted in its entirety*
- 401.10        **Fire protection plans - Deleted**  
*Section amended in Chapter 15 was deleted to accept language provided in 2022 CFC*
- 403.11        Special Requirements for Public Safety  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
 Adopted in its entirety
- 404            **Fire Safety, Evacuations, Lockdown Plan**  
*Adopted in its entirety with amendments*
- 404.1         **General**  
*Section was amended by adding “or the fire code official...”*
- 404.2.2       **Fire safety plans**  
*Adopted in its entirety with amendments*  
*404.2.2.5 was amended by adding the language “recommended initial actions, containment and control plans, and long-term mitigation procedures.”*
- 504.3         Stairway Access to Roof  
*Amended by adding the language “or when provisions of section D105 are required...”*
- 505.1         **Address identification**  
*Section was amended by adding “[addresses] for residential buildings shall be reflectorized.”*
- 505.2         **Street or road signs**  
*Section was amended referring to the County Land Use and Development Code*
- 505.3         Road Naming  
*Section was amended by adding “reflectorized...”*  
 Modification Revised to clarify it applies to both liquid-fueled and gaseous-fueled vehicles.
- Chapter 8**    **INTERIOR FINISH, DECORATIVE MATERIALS AND FURNISHINGS-Deleted**  
*Chapter adopted in Chapter 15 was deleted to accept SFM adoption in 2022 CFC*
- 901.4         **Fire protection and life safety systems**  
*Section was amended by adding “the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Development Standards.”*

- 901.4.1, **Required fire protection and life safety systems**  
*Title was changed in the 2022 CFC*  
*Section was amended by adding “the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Development Standards.”*
- 901.4.2 **Nonrequired fire protection and life safety systems**  
*Section was amended by adding “the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Development Standards.”*
- 901.6 Inspection, testing and maintenance  
*Section was amended by adding “[nonrequired] fire protection systems shall only be removed after obtaining written permission from the fire code official.”*
- 902 **DEFINITIONS**  
*Section was added to amend 902.1 Definitions*
- 902.1 **Definitions**  
*Section was amended by adding ENCLOSED FLOOR AREA*
- 903.3.1.2 **NFPA 13R sprinkler system**  
*Amended by adding the following exception*  
*“Any building or structure that meets the requirements of section D105 will be required to follow Section 903.3.1.1.”*
- 903.7.1 Locations required  
*903.7.1.2 is amended by adding “enclosed” and updating 5,000 to 3,600*  
*903.7.1.3 is amended by deleting reference to the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District*  
*903.7.1.4 is amended by replacing existing language to “other than Group R”*  
*903.7.1.4 is amended by adding or modifying language “with an enclosed floor area of 3,600 square feet or more,” “alterations or additions,” and “or any local jurisdiction within the County serviced by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, where...”*  
*903.7.1.4 is amended by adding 903.7.1.4(a), (b), and (c) to further clarify required fire sprinkler installations*  
*903.7.1.5 is amended by adding language for Group R occupancies*  
*903.7.1.5 is amended by adding 903.7.1.5(a), (b), and (c) to further clarify required fire sprinkler installations*  
*903.7.1.6 is amended by adding to existing language “alterations or additions” and “or any local jurisdiction within the County serviced by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department...”*  
*903.7.1.6 is amended by deleting reference to the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District*  
*903.7.1.6 is amended by adding 903.7.1.6(a), (b), (c) and (d) to further clarify required fire sprinkler installations*  
*903.7.1.7 is added to read “[any] change of occupancy where the new occupancy would be required to have fire sprinklers.”*  
*903.7.1.8 is added to read “[when] fire sprinklers are installed in buildings or structures, they shall be installed throughout the entire building or structure.”*  
*903.7.1 Note was amended by updating the date to 2017 and adding “enclosed floor area”*

- 903.7.2      **Enclosed floor area calculation**  
*Title was changed in 2022 Chapter 15*  
*Section was amended to read “[square] feet or square footage shall be calculated using the definition of enclosed floor area to determine whether the installation of automatic fire sprinklers is required through 903.7.”*
- 907            **FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS**  
*Section was amended*
- 907.2.30      **Mixed-use buildings**  
*Section was amended by adding “[W]here residential occupancies are combined with commercial occupancies, a monitored fire alarm system shall be installed which notifies all occupants in the event of a fire. The system shall include automatic smoke detection throughout the commercial and common areas.”*
- 1104.3        Exit sign illumination  
*Adopted in its entirety*
- 1104.4        Power source  
*Adopted in its entirety*
- 1104.5        Illumination emergency power  
*Adopted in its entirety*
- 1104.5.1      Emergency power duration and installation  
*Adopted in its entirety*
- 1205.5        Ground-mounted photovoltaic panel systems  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
*Section was amended by adding “the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Development Standards.”*
- 1205.5.1      **Vegetation**  
*Title was changed in the 2022 CFC*  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
*Section was amended by adding “[for] ground-mounted photovoltaic panel systems greater than 1,500 square feet of combined panel area, a reduced fuel zone from 10 feet to 30 feet shall be maintained consistent with California Public Resources Code section 4291 and Santa Barbara County Fire Department Defensible Space Standards.”*
- 1206           **ELECTRICAL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS**  
*Chapter 15 was amended by deleting amendments to this chapter and accepting 2022 CFC language*
- 1206.1        **Scope**  
*Chapter 15 was amended by deleting amendments to this section and accepting 2022 CFC language*
- 4902.1        **General**  
*Section was amended by deleting the definition of FIRE HAZARD from this section*  
*Section was amended by deleting WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN from this section*
- 4906           **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**  
*Title was changed in the 2022 CFC*

- 4906.2 Application  
*Section was amended by adding "or within the Santa Barbara County High Fire Hazard Area designated by the Santa Barbara County Building Official shall..."*
- 4907.1 **General - Deleted**  
*Section amended in Chapter 15 was deleted to accept language provided in 2022 CFC*
- 4907.2 **Application**  
*Section amended by adding "the Santa Barbara County Building Official" and "the Santa Barbara County"*  
*Section was amended by deleting "Severity Zone"*
- 4911 Santa Barbara County Fire Hazard Abatement  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.1 Applicability  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.2 Prohibited disposal of combustible material  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.3 Clearance of Brush, Vegetative Growth and Combustible Material from Parcels  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.4 Clearance of Brush, Vegetative Growth and Combustible Material from Roadways  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.5 Clearance of fire protection equipment, ground-mounted photovoltaic panel systems and utilities  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
*Title was changed in 2022 Chapter 15 to add ground-mounted systems*  
*Section was amended by adding "and ground-mounted photovoltaic panel systems which are 1,500 square feet or greater in combined panel area."*
- 4911.6 Prosecution  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.7 Order to abate fire hazard-Notice  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*  
*Updated reference section to 4911.6*
- 4911.8 Order to abate fire hazard-Posting Location  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.9 Order to abate fire hazard-Posting Time  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.10 Hearing  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.11 Board of Supervisors' direction to abate fire hazard  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*

- 4911.12** Abatement procedure—Chief authorized to expend funds, contract, etc.  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.13** Account of expenses—Report to be filed with the board  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.14** Account of expenses—Filing with clerk-Confirmation hearing  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.15** Expenses constitute special assessment and lien  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.16** Expense report to be transmitted to auditor-controller  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- 4911.17** Inclusion of assessment on property tax bill-Disposition of revenue  
*Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*
- CHAPTER 56** ***FIREWORKS DISPLAY-Deleted***  
*Chapter adopted in Chapter 15 was deleted to accept SFM adoption in 2022 CFC*
- 5608.2** ***Prohibition of Fireworks-Deleted***  
*Section amended in Chapter 15 was deleted to accept SFM adoption in 2022 CFC*
- 5608.3** ***Seizure-Deleted***  
*Section amended in Chapter 15 was deleted to accept SFM adoption in 2022 CFC*
- APPENDIX A BOARD OF APPEALS  
Appendix adopted in its entirety with amendments
- C101.1 Scope  
***Exception amended by adding “enclosed”***
- APPENDIX D FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS ROADS  
Appendix adopted in its entirety with amendments
- D101.1 Scope  
Update to current CFC  
Amended to add “Santa Barbara County Fire Development Standards.”
- D106** ***MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS***  
*Section was amended by amending D106.1*
- D106.1** ***Projects having more than 100 dwelling units***  
*Section in “Exceptions” amended by adding “not located in a Very High or High Fire Hazard Severity Zone in the SRA or LRA, or the Santa Barbara County High Fire Hazard Area...”*
- D107** ***ONE- OR TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS***  
*Section was amended by amending D107.1*
- D107.1** ***One- or two- family dwelling residential developments***

*Section in "Exceptions" amended by adding "not located in a Very High or High Fire Hazard Severity Zone in the SRA or LRA, or the Santa Barbara County High Fire Hazard Area..."*

Appendix O TEMPORARY HAUNTED HOUSES, GHOST WALKS AND SIMILAR AMUSEMENT USES  
Adopted in its entirety

**Appendix P COMMUNITY WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) FIRE HAZARD EVALUATION  
FRAMEWORK**  
*Adopted in its entirety*

Sec. 15-4 Finding with regard to geological, topographical and climatic conditions  
*Item (a) amended by adding "north and the" and revising location of "Sundowner"*

Sec. 15-49 Definitions  
*Item (g) amended by deleting "gross"*

Sec. 15-51 Applicability of fees  
*Item (3) amended by adding "enclosed"*

Sec. 15-52 Exemptions  
*Item (a) amended by adding "enclosed"*

Sec. 15-71.1 Exemptions  
*Item (a) amended by adding "enclosed"*

Sec. 15-101 Fee schedule  
*Numbering updated throughout*  
*105.5.14 Energy Storage Systems added without assigned fee*  
*105.5.32 Mobile fueling of hydrogen-fueled vehicles added without assigned fee*  
*105.5.34 Open burning permits updated to clarify between Burn Permit Program and  
other open flame permits*  
*105.5.39 Outdoor assembly event added without assigned fee*  
*105.5.53 Lithium Batteries added without assigned fee*  
*105.6.5 Energy Storage Systems changed from Battery Systems*