2022 Fire Code Adoption
Summary of Changes

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	***Rules of construction*** ***Added and amended language to further clarify fire protection certificate, application for review***
101.1	Title Amended by adding "Santa Barbara County" as the jurisdiction
102.1	Construction and design provisions Added exception for agricultural buildings
103	***CODE COMPLIANCE AGENCY*** ***Title was changed in the 2022 CFC*** Adopted in its entirety with amendments
103.1	***Creation of Agency*** ***Amended by inserting "The Santa Barbara County Fire Department"***
104	***Duties and Powers of the Fire Code Official*** ***Title was changed in the 2022 CFC*** 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 ***Section was renumbered in the 2022 CFC*** 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