

EXHIBIT 3

September 4, 2019

TO: Board of Appeals
Building Industry Association
American Institute of Architects
Structural Engineers Association
Associated General Contractors
Other Interested Parties

RE: Proposed 2019 Ventura County Building Code

Dear Colleague,

As you may know, the Building and Safety Division will be presenting to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors a proposal for consideration and adoption of the 2019 Ventura County Building Code (VCBC), including updates and amendments to the new 2019 State Building Standards, which become effective for new building permit applications submitted on or after January 1, 2020.

These updates and amendments are intended to maintain or enhance public safety in buildings and structures, as well as clarify and improve applicable administrative amendments that can make the provisions easier to enforce and follow.

The draft 2019 VCBC has been posted on the County's web site and is available for you to review at <https://vcrma.org/divisions/building-and-safety>. A paper or email copy of the draft VCBC can be sent to you upon request by contacting Marie Becerra at 805-654-2795 or via email at Marie.Becerra@Ventura.org.

Here is a summary of the more substantial changes you will see in the new VCBC:

1. Adoption of the following new State-mandated Codes:
 - 2019 California Building and Residential Codes
 - 2019 California Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes
 - 2019 Energy and Green Building Codes
 - 2019 Historical and Existing Building Codes

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2. Adoption of the following new Model Codes:
 - 2018 International Property Maintenance Code (new)
 - 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (new)
3. New and updated provisions for the following areas of construction:
 - Grading, Building Code Appendix J (updated)
 - Emergency Housing, Residential Code Appendix X (new)
 - Tiny Homes, Residential Code Appendix Q (new)
 - Private Sewage Disposal Systems, Plumbing Code Appendix H (updated)
4. Updated format for the VCBC:
 - Removed language from the VCBC if it has not been amended in the State Codes
 - Reformatted the Articles, Chapters and Sections in the VCBC to align better with the State codes, for easier reference

The first public hearing for the consideration and adoption of the 2019 VCBC by the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for October 15, 2019 at the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room located at 800 South Victoria Ave in Ventura.

I look forward to receiving your feedback. Please forward any written comments and suggestions to me no later than October 8, 2019 via regular mail at ruben.barrera@ventura.org or to my attention at the address listed below. You may also call me directly at (805) 654-2787.

Thank you for your interest in updating our local codes and standards. Your participation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Building Official
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