



July 26, 2022

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**SUBJECT:** Clarification of Findings Necessary for Amending the 2019 California Building Standards Code in Ventura County and Submittal of the Resolution to the California Building Standards Commission, as Required by Law

**Recommendation:**

1. Approve the Resolution of Revised Findings and clarifications needed by the California Building Standards commission for formal acceptance of the 2019 Ventura County Building Code (VCBC).
2. Authorize the Building Official or his designee to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the California Building Standards Commission

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

Mandatory:	Yes
Source of Funding:	N/A
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on Other Departments:	None

There are no significant costs or fiscal impacts to other Departments or Agencies associated with the revisions and clarifications made by the Resolution.

**Discussion:**

The Board of Supervisors adopted the 2019 VCBC (Ordinance 4548) in November 2019. The 2019 VCBC has been in effect and being enforced for private construction projects through the County's Building Permit process since January 1, 2020. A copy of the original ordinance adopted in 2019, (the 2019 Ventura County Building Code) is included for reference as Exhibit 1.

The VCBC adopts the mandated State Building Standards Code, by reference, and amends certain sections of that Code to make them more enforceable and better suited for handling the administrative aspects of issuing building permits, collecting fees, conducting inspections, etc.

The VCBC also contains amendments to certain design and construction technical provisions to address local conditions associated with the climate, geology, and topography of Ventura County. These amendments were justified by the corresponding findings of administrative or local climatic, geologic, or topographic conditions with the original ordinance and adoption of the 2019 VCBC.

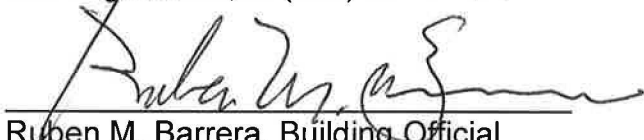
The California Building Standards Commission requested clarification of some of these findings in February 2020, as some of the references to the findings were unclear as originally submitted. These clarifications have been made in the Revised Findings (Exhibit 2) as recommended by the Building Standards Commission. They were not transmitted sooner to the Building Standards Commission due to operational challenges experienced by the Division during the COVID pandemic. The clarifications to the Findings do not modify the administrative or technical provisions, or amendments, of the original ordinance as adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2019.

The adopted Resolution and accompanying Revised Findings will be filed with the Building Standards Commission as required by law, which will conclude the 2019 VCBC update process. Staff is currently working on the 2022 VCBC updates and will return to the Board of Supervisors in the Fall for adoption.

**Public Review Process:**

This item does not require a Public Review Process as the revisions and clarifications do not modify the existing provisions of the original Ordinance (the 2019 VCBC), which was adopted in 2019 by the Board of Supervisors under public hearing and public participation, as required.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Ruben Barrera, Building Official, at (805) 654-2787.



Ruben M. Barrera, Building Official  
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Resource Management Agency

**Attachments:**

Resolution

Exhibit 1: Proposed 2019 Ventura County Building Code – Legislative version with rationale and findings

Exhibit 2: Revised Findings and Clarifications