# INITIAL EXPRESS TERMS FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION REGARDING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 1 (BSC 04/24)

The state agency shall draft the regulations in plain, straightforward language, avoiding technical terms as much as possible and using a coherent and easily readable style. The agency shall draft the regulation in plain English. A notation shall follow the express terms of each regulation listing the specific statutes authorizing the adoption and listing specific statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific (Government Code Section 11346.2(a)(1)).

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## LEGEND for EXPRESS TERMS (California only codes - Parts 1, 6, 8, 11, 12)

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## INITIAL EXPRESS TERMS

The California Building Standards Commission (BSC) proposes to adopt Chapter 1 of the 2025 edition of the California Administrative Code, carrying forward existing amendments from the 2022 California Administrative Code with the following modifications:

### ITEM 1 Chapter 1 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION, Article 1 GENERAL, Section 1-101. Abbreviations.

[BSC proposes to amend Section 1-101.]

**ARTICLE 1  
GENERAL**

**1-101. Abbreviations.** The following abbreviations shall apply to Title 24, California Code of Regulations. Abbreviations may …

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OSHPD Office of Statewide ~~Health~~ Hospital Planning and Development

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#### Notation:

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

References: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

### ITEM 2 Chapter 1, Article 4 RULEMAKING FOR THE ADOPTION OF BUILDING STANDARDS, Section 1-407. Initial rulemaking file submittals by a state proposing agency.

[BSC proposes to amend Section 1-407.]

**ARTICLE 4  
RULEMAKING FOR THE ADOPTION OF BUILDING STANDARDS**

**…**

**1-407. Initial rulemaking file submittals by a state proposing agency.**

1. State proposing agencies developing building standards …
2. File content. The initial rulemaking file submitted to the Commission shall include the following:
   1. One (1) original Building Standards Face Sheet (BSC-1)~~, with the wet signature of~~ signed by the agency director or designee.
   2. One (1) copy of the Notice of Proposed Action. …
   3. ~~Two (2) copies~~ One (1) copy of the Initial Express Terms showing …
   4. ~~Two (2) copies~~ One (1) copy of the Initial Statement of Reasons …
   5. One (1) copy of the Department of Finance Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement (STD. 399). ~~Wet signatures are not required on STD. 399 until final submittal of the rulemaking file.~~ The Fiscal Impact Statement section of the STD. 399 is not required to be signed by the agency untill a notice of proposed action is submitted for publication in the California Regulatory Notice Register.
   6. ~~Two (2) copies~~ One (1) copy of the written Nine-Point Criteria Analysis …
   7. One (1) electronic file copy …
3. …

#### Notation:

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

References: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

### ITEM 3 Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1-408. Certification of delegation of authority.

[BSC proposes the following modifications.]

**1-408. Certification of delegation of authority.**

(a)…

(b) The certification ~~wet~~ signature required on the Notice/Submission Face Sheet (BSC-1) by Sections 1-407(b)1, 1-415(a)1, and 1-419(b)1 and the certification ~~wet~~ signature required on the Department of Finance Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement (STD. 399) required by Section 1-415(a)7 shall be made by the agency director, or their designee, of the agency proposing or adopting the building standards. A written delegation identifying the agency’s authorized signatory designee(s) shall be submitted prior to or with the rulemaking file(s) when the Notice/Submission Face Sheet (BSC-1) is signed by other than the agency director.

#### Notation:

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, and 18949.6.

References: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

### ITEM 4 Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1-411. Public comment rulemaking file submitted by a state proposing agency.

[BSC proposes the following modifications.]

**1-411. Public comment rulemaking file submitted by a state proposing agency.**

1. Public comment periods…
2. State proposing agencies…
3. File content. The rulemaking file shall include the following items.

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2. ~~Two (2) copies~~ One (1) copy of the 45-Day Express Terms, including any amendments made to address code advisory committee recommendations.

3. ~~Two (2) copies~~ One (1) copy of the Initial Statement of Reasons, including explanations of any revisions suggested in the 45-Day Express Terms to address code advisory committee recommendations.

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#### Notation:

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

References: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

### ITEM 5 Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1-413. Public comments and related actions.

[BSC proposes the following modifications.]

**1-413. Public comments and related actions.**

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(f) Following all public comment periods for a proposed building standard or proposed repeal of an existing building standard, the Commission will conduct a public meeting to consider the approval or adoption of the proposal. See Section 1-403 of this Article for time allocated for public comment.

No new issues will be raised before the Commission that were not included in the record of comments.

Items not challenged but affected as a result of an action on another item may also be considered at the Commission meeting to eliminate conflict, duplication or overlap.

**~~Note:~~** ~~The Commission provides a suggested public comment form at the Commission’s website – dgs.ca.gov/BSC~~

#### Notation:

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, 18934 and 18949.6.

References: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931, 18934 and 18949.6.

### ITEM 6 Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1-415. Final rulemaking file by state proposing agencies.

[BSC proposes the following modifications.]

**1-415. Final rulemaking file by state proposing agencies.**

(a) After any hearings … Each final rulemaking file shall be organized and indexed to identify the following items required for inclusion:

1. One (1) original Building Standards Face Sheet (BSC-1) ~~with the wet signature of~~ signed by the agency director or designee.

2. One (1) copy of the Notice of Proposed Action that includes Informative Digest.

~~3. One (1) copy of the Informative Digest.~~

~~4~~3. One (1) copy of the Initial Statement of Reasons.

~~5~~4. One (1) copy of the Final Express Terms …

~~6~~5. One (1) copy of the Finding of Emergency Statement …

~~7~~6. One (1) copy of the Department of Finance Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement (STD. 399) containing all required ~~wet~~ signatures as appropriate, together with fiscal analysis prepared by the submitting Agency.

~~8~~7. One (1) copy of the written transcript, recording, or ~~recorded~~ minutes of any public hearings.

~~9~~8. One (1) copy of each exhibit submitted or written comment received at any public hearing conducted by the agency and a transcript of any oral comments received.

~~10~~9. One (1) copy of each written comment received during public comment period(s)~~, and~~ ~~a memo attesting to the 45-day public availability period~~.

~~11~~10. One (1) copy of the Final Statement of Reasons and any studies, surveys or documents used to support the rationale for the proposed building standard(s).

11. One (1) copy of a written statement confirming that the state agency complied with the provisions of Government Code Section 11347.1 if the agency added any technical, theoretical, or empirical study, report, or similar document to the rulemaking file after publication of the Notice of Proposed Action and relied on the document in proposing the action. The statement shall specify the date upon which the notice of the document availability was mailed to the stakeholders at least 15 days before the proposed action is adopted by the agency.

12. One (1) copy of the Updated Informative Digest.

13. One (1) copy of the proposed standards made available to the public for at least 15 days before the agency adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.8(c) with ~~any post hearing changes~~ clearly indicated changes from what was made available to the public as the originally proposed regulatory action during 45-day public comment period, and a memo attesting to the 15-day public availability period(if applicable).

14. One (1) original Certification of Close and Complete of the Rulemaking File ~~with the wet signature of~~ signed by the agency director or designee.

15. One (1) copy of the written Nine-Point Criteria Analysis, …

16. One (1) copy of the Certification of Compliance, …

17. One (1) copy of a written statement confirming that the state agency complied with the provisions of Government Code Section 11346.4(a)(1) through (4) regarding the mailing of notice of proposed action at least 45 days prior to public hearing and close of the public comment period. The statement shall include the date upon which the notice was mailed. This section is not intended to require an agency to provide a copy of its mailing list to support the statement.

18. One (1) electronic file copy …

(b) …

#### Notation:

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

References: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6.

### ITEM 7 Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1-419. Emergency building standards.

[BSC proposes the following modifications.]

**Section 1-419. Emergency building standards.**

(a) Emergency building standards…

(b) Rulemaking files for emergency building standards … shall include each of the following:

1. …

2. ~~Two (2)~~ ~~copies~~ One (1) copy of the Finding of Emergency satisfying requirements of Government Code Section 11346.1.

3. ~~Two (2)~~ ~~copies~~ One (1) copy of the Express Terms illustrating the proposed emergency building standards.

4. ~~Two (2)~~ ~~copies~~ One (1) copy of the written Nine-Point Criteria Analysis substantiating compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 18930.

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(g) Rulemaking files … shall include each of the following:

1. …

2. ~~Two (2) copies~~ One (1) copy of the Finding of Emergency previously approved by the Commission satisfying requirements of Government Code Section 11346.1 of this article.

3. ~~Two (2) copies~~ One (1) copy of the statement relative to substantial progress, and the statement that the emergency remains unchanged or an updated finding of emergency, as appropriate. The statements and updated finding shall incorporate the provisions of Section 1-419(f) of this article.

4. ~~Two (2) copies~~ One (1) copy of the Express Terms illustrating the approved/adopted emergency building standards.

5. ~~Two (2) copies~~ One (1) copy of the written Nine-Point Criteria Analysis substantiating compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 18930.

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#### Notation:

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 18931 and 18949.6

References: Health and Safety Code Section 18931 and 18949.6.