

CHAPTER 1

ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 101 TITLE, PURPOSE AND SCOPE

101.1 Title. This article shall be known as the “Los Angeles Building Code” or “Building Code” or “LABC,” a portion of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code* (LAMC), and wherever the word “Code” is used in this article it shall mean the “Los Angeles Building Code.” The *Los Angeles Building Code* adopts by reference portions of the *California Building Code*.

101.2 Purpose. The purpose of this article is to safeguard life, limb, health, property and public welfare by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all buildings and structures erected or to be erected within the city and by regulating certain grading operations within the city.

101.3 Application. Chapters 1 through 96 of the *Los Angeles Building Code* as published by the International Code Council (hereinafter referred to as the published code), are Chapters 1 through 96, respectively, of Article 1, Chapter IX, of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*. For uniformity with the *California Building Code* (CBC), only the division and section numbers are stated in the published code. For the complete *Los Angeles Municipal Code* section number, each code section number specified in Chapters 1 through 96 of the published code shall be presumed to be preceded by two digits and a decimal point (specifically “91.”). For example, this section is Section 91.101.3 of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*. Wherever in this code reference is made to the appendix, the provisions in the appendix shall not apply unless specifically adopted.

NOTE: For clarification purposes, the following sections of the CBC are repeated.

SECTION 108 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

108.1 Purpose. The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements necessary to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the occupants and the public by governing accessibility, erection, construction, enlargement, conversion, alteration, repair, moving, removal, demolition, occupancy, use, height, court, area, sanitation, ventilation, maintenance, safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment.

108.2 Authority and abbreviations.

108.2.1 General. The Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized by law to promulgate and adopt building standards and regulations for several types of building applications. These applications are grouped and identified by abbreviation in the Matrix Adoption Tables to show which model code sections and amendments are applicable to each application. The applications under the authority of the Department of Housing and Community

Development are listed in Sections 108.2.1.1 through 108.2.1.3.

108.2.1.1 Housing construction. Application—Hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses, dwellings, dormitories, condominiums, shelters for homeless persons, congregate residences, employee housing, factory-built housing and other types of dwellings containing sleeping accommodations with or without common toilet or cooking facilities including accessory buildings, facilities, and uses thereto. Sections of this code which pertain to applications listed in this section are identified in the Matrix Adoption Table using the abbreviation “HCD 1.”

Enforcing agency—Local building department or the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Authority cited—Health and Safety Code Sections 17921, 17922 and 19990.

Reference—Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17060, 17910 through 17990 and 19960 through 19997.

108.2.1.2 Housing accessibility. Application - Covered multifamily dwelling units as defined in Chapter 11A including, but not limited to, lodging houses, dormitories, timeshares, condominiums, shelters for homeless persons, congregate residences, apartment houses, dwellings, employee housing, factory-built housing and other types of dwellings containing sleeping accommodations with or without common toilet or cooking facilities.

Sections of this code identified in the Matrix Adoption Table by the abbreviation “HCD 1-AC” require specific accommodations for persons with physical disabilities, as defined in Chapter 11A. The application of such provisions shall be in conjunction with other requirements of this code and apply only to Group R occupancies which are newly constructed covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter 11A of the *California Building Code*. “HCD 1-AC” applications include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. All newly constructed covered multifamily dwellings as defined in Chapter 11A.
2. New common use areas as defined in Chapter 11A serving existing covered multifamily dwellings.
3. Additions to existing buildings, where the addition alone meets the definition of a “Covered multifamily dwelling” as defined in Chapter 11A.
4. Common use areas serving covered multifamily dwellings.