

EFFECTIVE USE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUILDING CODE

The *City of Los Angeles Building Code* was established in 1889 with the appointment of the first superintendent of building. In 1923, the first of 18 volumes of the Los Angeles Annual Builder's Guide was published. This guide is a handbook for architects and builders and contains a complete cross index of the Los Angeles building ordinances, electrical ordinances and supplementary rulings and the California State Housing Act.

After 1936, the building regulations of Chapter IX of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code* were established by the passage of Ordinance No. 77,000. But it was 1943 when Ordinance No. 87,000 amended in its entirety Article 1 of Chapter IX of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code* and a new *Los Angeles City Building Code* was published. This edition of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code* established the format of the different divisions and sections relevant to the building regulations in the city.

Through the intervening years, the code has been amended and revised regularly to keep pace with the ever-changing technology of the construction industry and new and proven concepts of structural design.

The State of California has mandated the City of Los Angeles to enforce the *California Building Code* (CBC). The City Council for the City of Los Angeles has passed Ordinance Number 179,324 (operative January 1, 2008) to amend Article 1 of Chapter IX of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code* and to adopt by reference the 2007 edition of the *California Building Code* (CBC) and hereinafter shall be called the 2008 edition of the *City of Los Angeles Building Code*.

Chapter 1 is the general administrative provisions of the City of Los Angeles and replaces Chapter 1 of the CBC.

Chapters 2 through 35 are the general provisions of the *California Building Code*.

Chapters 61 through 72 have been added to the code to provide special requirements of the City of Los Angeles.

Chapters 81 through 91 are the city code requirements of existing buildings and structures.

Chapters 92 through 96 are the city standard for voluntary earthquake hazard reduction standards for existing buildings.

At the end of Volume 2 of the Building Code, "Excerpts" has been added for additional reference to the industry. Excerpts are the accumulation of related Los Angeles City codes and municipal and administrative code sections pertaining to Department of Building and Safety.

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This symbol indicates that a City of Los Angeles amendment has been added to the 2007 *California Building Code*.

[For HCD 1] This italicized notation is used to identify which state agency has amended a section of the IBC.

For a complete listing of state agencies, refer to CBC Section 101.17 et seq.