



## RIVERSIDE BUILDING INDUSTRY BULLETIN

**DATE:** November 1, 2016

**TO:** Developers, Design Professionals, Contractors, and other Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW 2016 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE

**FROM:** Chris Christopoulos, City Building Official

On January 20th 2016, the California Building Standards Commission adopted state amendments to the latest versions of the national model codes published by the International Code Council, IAPMO, and National Fire Protection Agency. This action effectively implemented the triennial update to California Code of Regulations Title 24, the 2016 California Building Standards Code. Title 24 includes all of the adopted Building Standards that regulate construction, including the 2016 editions of the California Building, Residential, Green, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Fire Codes.

**As a direct result; the existing 2013 California Building Standards Code (CBSC) will expire on December 31, 2016 and the newly adopted 2016 CBSC will become effective on January 1, 2017.**

Permits issued prior to the effective date of the new 2016 CBSC shall remain under the previously adopted code, so long as the permit remains active in accordance with the City Municipal Code and does not expire.

In order to appropriately prepare for this code cycle update, the following policy will be enacted for the processing of plan review and building permits during the transition period here in Riverside.

Permits for all projects approved under the current 2013 CBSC must be issued by **December 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 or prior to the expiration date of your plan review**. Plan check shall not be extended beyond the effective date of the new 2016 CBSC. All other projects submitted for initial plan review thereafter shall be processed under the newly adopted codes.

For more information regarding the triennial 2016 code update or to purchase the new codes, please go to:

- California Building Officials (CALBO) [www.calbo.org](http://www.calbo.org)
- International Code Council (ICC) [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)
- International Code Council (ICC) online store: <http://shop.iccsafe.org/>