

APPENDIX 6

Local Building Codes

Antioch

The City of Antioch has adopted the 2007 California Building Code. The California Building Code has established construction standards for all residential buildings, which provide minimum standards necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents. The City also requires that all new residential construction comply with the federal Americans with Disability Act (ADA), which includes accessibility requirements for certain types of buildings. Specific accessibility requirements for residential buildings are also contained in the California Building Code.

Concord

The City of Concord has adopted the California Building Code, in addition to Fire, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, and Uniform Codes, as the basis for its building standards. The City has also adopted the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings. Permits are required for all electrical and plumbing work and for other major home improvements and modifications.

Contra Costa County

Contra Costa County has adopted the Uniform Building Code and the Uniform Housing Code, which establish standards and require inspections at various stages of construction to ensure code compliance. The County's building code also requires new residential construction to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Pittsburg

The City of Pittsburg requires all building construction standards to conform to the California Building Code (Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations). In addition, new residential construction must comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As a standard practice, the City does not impose additional local requirements to the California Building Code standards; however, the City is considering adding programs and policies into the 2009 – 2014 Housing Element to provide incentives to exceed minimum energy efficiency standards set forth in Title 24.

Richmond

The City of Richmond's Building Department currently administers codes and code enforcement under the 1997 edition of the Uniform Building Code (UBC). Amendments to the UBC have been made by the City and are based on the 2001 California Building Code.

Walnut Creek

The City of Walnut Creek has adopted the Uniform Building Code and the Uniform Housing Code. Development must comply with applicable codes. Code enforcement is usually triggered by complaints, but at times City personnel will initiate enforcement activity if a structure appears to be unsafe and not in compliance with the Uniform Housing Code. There is a very low incidence of substandard structures in the city.