



ORDINANCE No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14 OF THE NEVADA COUNTY CODE, ADOPTING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND ADOPTION OF EXPRESS FINDINGS OF REASONABLE NECESSITY FOR CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE BASED ON LOCAL CLIMATIC, GEOLOGICAL, OR TOPOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I:

The State of California revises its building standards on a triennial basis. The building standards are intended to regulate and govern the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures by providing standards for supplied utilities, facilities, and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary, and fit for occupancy and use.

It is the purpose and the intent of this Ordinance to make substantive revisions to Title 14 (Building) of the Nevada County Code to ensure Nevada County's conformity to the 2025 edition of the California Building Standards, to wit, the California Building Code, the California Residential Code, the California Green Building Standards Code, the California Plumbing Code, the California Electrical Code, the California Fire Code, the California Mechanical Code, the California Energy Code, the California Referenced Standards Code, the California Historical Building Code, the California Existing Building Code, the 1997 Uniform Housing Code, the 1997 Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, the 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 17958.5, *et seq.*, a county may make such changes or modifications in the requirements contained in the provisions of the California Building Standards Codes, as are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions. Nevada County's amendments to the 2025 California Building Standards, which have been made in response to unique climatic, geological, or topographical conditions in Nevada County, are codified in Title 14 of the Nevada County Code. Local amendments to the California Building Standards Code shall not become effective until the modifications and findings have been filed with the Building Standards Commission.

SECTION II:

Title 14 of the Nevada County Code is hereby amended to read as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION III:

The Board hereby finds and declares:

1. The local amendments to the 2025 California Building Standards, as codified in Title 14 of the Nevada County Code, are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, and topographical conditions within the County.

2. Amendments which are deemed more restrictive than the published 2025 California Building Standards are substantially equivalent to a change previously filed by the county and were in effect as of Sept. 30, 2025, in accordance with Health & Safety Code sections 17958, 17958.5, 17958.7, and 18941.5.

3. The Board hereby finds and declares that this Ordinance is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to the CEQA guidelines, including Section 15378(b)(5) as an organizational or administrative governmental activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment, and Section 15060(c)(2) as it does not create a potential for direct, indirect, or reasonably foreseeable physical change in the environment.

SECTION IV:

If any provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected hereby and shall remain in full force and effect. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the expiration of thirty (30) days from and after its passage, and it shall become operative on the 12th day of February, 2026, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage it shall be published once, with the names of the Supervisors voting for and against same in The Union, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Nevada.