

CITY OF ENCINITAS
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTED
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Encinitas has adopted Ordinance No. 2024-04 titled “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Encinitas, California, Adopting Amendments to Chapter 23.12 (Uniform Codes for Construction) of Title 23 (Building and Construction) of the Encinitas Municipal Code to Make Certain Amendments, Additions, and Deletions Related to Energy Efficiency and Green Building.” Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-04 would update the Encinitas Municipal Code adopt an amended version of the California Energy Code that includes higher performance standards for all newly constructed single-family and low-rise (three habitable stories or less) multifamily buildings. The performance standards would apply to mixed-fuel and all-electric buildings alike. Single-family buildings less than 1,500 square feet, (including detached accessory dwelling units), high-rise (4 stories or more) multifamily buildings, and nonresidential buildings would be excluded from the requirement because, in these scenarios, meeting the requirement may not be cost effective. The 2022 California Energy Code establishes certain energy requirements for new construction, including energy performance targets. Proposed standards in Ordinance No. 2024-04 would increase the performance requirements to encourage the use of highly efficient heat pump appliances in newly constructed single-family and low-rise multifamily buildings.

The ordinance also includes several administrative updates to enhance clarity and align with the proposed 2025 State Energy Code including:

- Adds definition for “Certified Energy Analyst.”
- Removes definitions and code sections pertaining to the all-electric requirement.
- Clarify the electric vehicle (EV) charging requirements for nonresidential additions and alterations.
- Adds electric readiness requirements for mixed-fuel single-family and multifamily buildings, including a guidance document for electric readiness of multifamily central hot water systems.
- Reinstates adoptions by reference of the 2022 California Energy Code, Part 6 and the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Part 11, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations which were previously omitted unintentionally in prior Ordinance Nos. 2022-13 and 2022-14.

Ordinance 2024-04 was introduced at the Regular City Council meeting held on May 15, 2024, and adopted at the Regular June 12, 2024, City Council meeting by the following vote: AYES: Blackwell, Kranz, Lyndes; NAYS: Ehlers; ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Hinze. The Ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk, 505 South Vulcan Avenue and may be viewed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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