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Application Concerning

Locally Adopted Building Energy Efficiency Standards

in Accordance with Section 10-106 of

the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1

Local Jurisdiction Name: City of Palo Alto

Date of Local Adoption: September 25, 2025

Designation of Locally Adopted Standard: Ordinance No. 5665

Purpose

California's local jurisdictions planning to enforce locally adopted energy efficiency standards (also called local ordinances or reach codes) that exceed the California Energy Code (Title 24, Part 6) are required to submit an application to the California Energy Commission (CEC), in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, Article 1, sections 10-106 and 10-110, and; Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2). Applications submitted by local jurisdictions must provide their findings that the local ordinance, (1) saves more energy than current statewide energy standards and (2) is cost effective. The CEC posts locally adopted reach code applications for public review and comment pursuant to CCR section 10-110.

The City of Palo Alto has filed an application to enforce its local ordinance. CEC staff has determined this application to be complete including all the supporting information necessary to meet the requirements of section 10-106.

The CEC seeks public comments, including whether the locally adopted energy efficiency or conservation standards will require buildings to be designed to consume less energy than the 2025 California Energy Code, CCR, Title 24, Parts 1 and 6 (2025 Energy Code).

All application materials are available for download on the [CEC's website](http://www.energy.ca.gov/2025EnergyCode/) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-BSTD-04>.

The following files are included in this application:

- 1) Att. 1 City of Palo Alto Cover Letter to the CEC
- 2) Att. 2 City of Palo Alto Staff Report
- 3) Att. 3 City of Palo Alto Urgent Signed Ordinance no 5665

Att. 4 City of Palo Alto Notice of Exemption (NOE)

Background

Statutory provisions in Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2) and regulatory provisions in sections 10-106 and 10-110 of the CCR, Title 24, Part 1 establish a process that allows local governmental agencies to enforce energy efficiency or energy conservation standards for newly constructed buildings, additions, alterations, and repairs to existing buildings. Such local standards may not be enforced, however, unless and until the CEC finds that the local standards will require buildings to be designed to consume less energy than permitted by the 2025 Energy Code, as demonstrated by the local jurisdiction in an application submitted to the CEC.

Per section 10-106, this application must include the following:

- 1) The proposed energy standards;
- 2) The local governmental agency's findings and supporting analyses on the energy-savings and cost-effectiveness of the local ordinance;
- 3) A statement or finding by the local governmental agency that the local energy standards will require buildings to be designed to consume less energy than permitted by the statewide 2025 Energy Code; and
- 4) Any findings, determinations, declarations, or reports, including any negative declaration or environmental impact report, required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

For the local jurisdiction to enforce the standard, the CEC must then find, based on the submitted application materials and consideration of public comment, that the local standards will result in a reduction in energy consumption compared to the statewide 2025 Energy Code and the local jurisdiction has adopted its cost-effectiveness determination at a public meeting and subsequently filed it with the CEC.

Public Comments

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-BSTD-041) for this docket at [California Energy Commission : Docket Log](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-BSTD-041) [<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-BSTD-041>].

Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in compliance with CCR, Title 20, section 1208.1 such as Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments must be submitted by: **5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2025.**

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number **25-BSTD-04** and City of Palo Alto, 2025, Ordinance no 5665 in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 25-BSTD-04
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

Public Advisor and Other CEC Contacts

The CEC's Public Advisor assists the public with participation in CEC proceedings. To request assistance, interpreting services, or other reasonable modifications and accommodations, please reach out by phone at (916) 957-7910, or via email at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov as soon as possible, but at least five days in advance.

The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on availability.

Direct media inquiries to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Direct general and technical subject inquiries to Anushka Raut at LocalOrdinances@energy.ca.gov or (916) 909-2537.

Availability of Documents

The proposal and supporting materials can be downloaded at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-BSTD-04>.