

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE

In the Matter of:

Ordinance adopting the (1) 2016 California Building Code;	)	
(2) 2016 California Residential Code;	)	
(3) 2016 California Green Building Standards Code;	)	Ordinance No. 630
(4) 2016 California Electrical Code;	)	
(5) 2016 California Plumbing Code;	)	
(6) 2016 California Mechanical Code;	)	
(7) 2016 California Existing Building Code; and	)	
(8) Contra Costa County Ordinance Code, Title 7,	)	
Divisions 72, 74, 76, 78, 710; with changes,	)	
additions and deletions, and adopting penalties	)	
<u>therefore</u>	)	

**WHEREAS**, the California Building Standards Commission (“Commission”) has adopted and published the 2016 California Building Standards Code (“CBSC”), which became effective January 1, 2017;

**WHEREAS**, the CBSC is set forth in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (“CCR”), Parts 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, which includes the: California Building Standards Administrative Code; California Building Code; California Residential Code; California Electrical Code; California Mechanical Code; California Plumbing Code; California Energy Code; State Historical Building Code; California Fire Code; California Existing Building Code; California Green Building Standards Code; and California Reference Standards Code;

**WHEREAS**, California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958, 17960, 18938(b) and 18948 require all California cities and counties to enforce the CBSC through a local building department and or fire district, as it applies to all buildings constructed, repaired, altered, and added to, that are not subject to state agency enforcement such as public schools and hospital buildings;

**WHEREAS**, California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958 *et seq.* and 18941.5(b) authorize cities to adopt the CBSC with modifications that make the standards set forth therein more restrictive, so long as such modifications are determined to be reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lafayette desires to adopt the 2016 California Building Code; 2016 California Residential Code; 2016 California Green Building Standards Code; 2016 California Electrical Code; 2016 California Plumbing Code; 2016 California Mechanical Code; and 2016 California Existing Building Code, with certain local amendments as stated herein to ensure those codes are tailored to the particular safety needs of the City as required by its unique climatic, geological and topographical conditions and for consistency with the construction codes as adopted and enforced by Contra Costa County (Contra Costa County Ordinance No. 2016-22);

**WHEREAS**, the City is authorized by California Government Code Section 50022.1 *et seq.* to adopt those codes contained in the CBSC by reference;