

2017 Housing Package: Legislative Changes to Housing Laws

In 2017, Governor Brown signed fifteen housing bills into law to address the acute housing shortage in California. The new laws, effective January 1, 2018, cover a wide range of housing issues including the funding of affordable housing, the streamlining of development review and state reporting requirements. Their impact on local governments is significant and will require changes to local codes, master plans and development review processes.

On February 26, 2018, the City Council, Planning Commission and Design Review Commission will hold a workshop to discuss these bills and their impacts on Lafayette. The attached tables summarize the housing bills and outline the steps that must be taken to ensure compliance. The bills are grouped into four categories –

1. Funding affordable housing
2. Facilitating the construction of housing
3. Changes to annual report requirements and housing element updates
4. Changes to the processing of housing applications

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