

# History of Building Code Adoption in the City of San Jose

Revised: November 24, 2010

Code Edition	California Code Based on:	SJ Adopting Ordinance Number	Adoption Date	Effective Date
First San Jose Building Code SJBC		1335	01/21/1890	02/21/1890
1927 Uniform Building Code	1927 UBC	2183	9/11/1928	10/11/1928
1937 Uniform Building Code	1937 UBC	2604	1/17/1938	2/24/1938
1946 Uniform Building Code	1946 UBC	3198	5/24/1946	6/24/1946
1949 Uniform Building Code	1949 UBC	3678	6/6/1949	7/6/1949
1952 Uniform Building Code	1952 UBC	4120	10/27/1952	11/27/1952
1964 Uniform Building Code	1964 UBC	12187	11/2/1964	12/2/1964
1970 Uniform Building Code	1964 UBC	15964	12/1/1971	12/22/1971
1973 Uniform Building Code	1973 UBC	17549	1/3/1975	2/3/1975
1976 Uniform Building Code	1976 UBC	19317	7/6/1978	8/18/1978
1979 Uniform Building Code	1979 UBC	20536	4/7/1981	5/8/1981
1982 Uniform Building Code	1982 UBC		[Resid. only*]	2/1/1986
1985 Uniform Building Code	1985 UBC		[Resid. only*]	9/10/1987
1988 Uniform Building Code	1988 UBC	23321	11/21/1989	1/1/1990
1991 Uniform Building Code	1991 UBC	24084	5/5/1992	8/14/1992
1994 Uniform Building Code	1994 UBC	25002	10/14/1995	12/28/1995
1994 Uniform Plumbing Code	1994 UPC	25002	10/14/1995	12/28/1995
1994 Uniform Mechanical Code	1994 UMC	25002	10/14/1995	12/28/1995
1993 National Electrical Code	1993 NEC	25002	10/14/1995	12/28/1995
1995 Calif. Title 24 Energy Stds.	1995 T-24		7/1/1995	
1997 Uniform Building Code	1997 UBC	25839	6/1/1999	7/1/1999
1997 Uniform Plumbing Code	1997 UPC	25839	6/1/1999	7/1/1999
1997 Uniform Mechanical Code	1997 UMC	25839	6/1/1999	7/1/1999
1996 National Electrical Code	1996 NEC	25839	6/1/1999	7/1/1999
1997 Uniform Code for Bldg. Conservation	1997 UCBC	25839	6/1/1999	7/1/1999
1998 Calif. Title 24 Energy Standards	1998 T-24	<Cal. State>		
2001 California Building Code	1997 UBC	26729	9/10/2002	11/1/2002
2001 California Plumbing Code	2000 UPC	26729	9/10/2002	11/1/2002
2001 California Mechanical Code	2000 UMC	26729	9/10/2002	11/1/2002
2001 California Electrical Code	2000 NEC		9/10/2002	11/1/2002
2001 Calif. Code for Building Conservation			9/10/2002	11/1/2002
2004 California Electrical Code	1997 UCBC			11/1/2002
2001 Calif. Title 24 Energy Standards	2002 NEC	27470	7/1/2005	
2005 Calif. Title 24 Energy Standards	<u>2005 T-24</u>	<Cal. State>	10/1/2005	
2007 California Building Code	2006 IBC	28166	11/20/2007	1/1/2008
2007 California Plumbing Code	2006 UPC	28166	11/20/2007	1/1/2008
2007 California Mechanical Code	2006 UMC	28166	11/20/2007	1/1/2008
2007 California Electrical Code	2006 NEC	28166	11/20/2007	1/1/2008
2007 Calif. Existing Building Code	2006 IEBC	28166	11/20/2007	1/1/2008

2007 California Fire Code	2006 IFC	28167	11/20/2007	1/1/2008
2008 California Title 24 Energy Standards	2008 T-24	<Cal. State>		1/1/10
2010 California Building Code	2009 IBC	28838	10/26/10	1/1/2011
2010 California Residential Code	2009 IRC	28838	10/26/10	1/1/2011
2010 California Plumbing Code	2009 UPC	28838	10/26/10	1/1/2011
2010 California Mechanical Code	2009 UMC	28838	10/26/10	1/1/2011
2010 California Electrical Code	2009 NEC	28838	10/26/10	1/1/2011
2010 California Historical Building Code		<Cal. State>	10/26/10	1/1/2011
2010 California Existing Building Code	2009 IEBC	28838	10/26/10	1/1/2011
2010 California Green Building Standards Code		<Cal. State>	10/26/10	1/1/2011
2009 International Existing Building Code, Appendix Chapters A2, A3, and A4		28838	10/26/10	1/1/2011
2010 California Fire Code	2009 IFC	28839	10/26/10	1/1/2011

**Notes:**

- Code editions not specifically listed above were NOT adopted by the City of San Jose
- Codes are modified by local Amendments and the State’s Adoption Matrix (SFM, HCD, DSA-AC, OSKPD-3)
- The previously adopted Code(s) remain in effect until replaced by a later edition.
- The submittal date of a complete application (per SJMC 24.02.210) determines the applicable Code edition, NOT necessarily the permit issuance date.
- Building owners and design professionals are responsible for the compliance with all applicable Local, State, and Federal regulations regardless of municipal adoption.
- The various [errata](#) (updates, clerical corrections), and supplements for each Code edition are to be included.
- Code books are available for viewing at your local Library, City Clerk’s office or City Hall Permit Center. They may be purchased at bookstores (([Roberts](#), [Amazon.com](#), etc) or from the ICC [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)
- The current State [Accessibility Regulations](#) and California Title 24 [Energy Codes](#) are available online for free.

***Common Abbreviations:***

SJMC: San Jose Municipal Code T-24: California State Regulations  
CBC: California Building Code CRC: California Residential Code CMC: California Mechanical Code  
CPC: California Plumbing Code CEC: California Electrical Code CHBC: California Historical Building Code  
CEBC: California Existing Building Code CALGreen: California Green Building Standards Code  
CFC: California Fire Code IBC: International Building Code IEBC: International Existing Building Code  
NEC: National Electrical Code

\* The 1982 and 1985 editions of the Uniform Building Code were never adopted by ordinance in the City of San Jose, but their enforcement for residential construction only was mandated by the State of California