

ORDINANCE NO. 1134

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORCO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARD CODES, TO AMEND NORCO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 15 "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION". CODE AMENDMENT 2025-05

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF NORCO initiated Code Amendment No. 2025-05, amending Title 15 of the Norco Municipal Code to adopt the 2025 California Building Codes as the Official Building Codes for the City of Norco; and

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting on September 17, 2025, the Norco City Council conducted a public hearing and received and considered oral and written testimony concerning the proposed code change; and

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code requires cities and counties to adopt building standards that are consistent with those contained in the California Code of Regulations Title 24; and

WHEREAS, State law allows local governments to amend California Model Codes, providing the amendments are more restrictive and are necessary in order to provide the highest level of life-safety standards and requires that local governments enforce these code editions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Norco, California, does hereby make the following FINDINGS:

A. California Health & Safety Code, Section 17958.5 and 18941.5 authorizes cities and counties to modify the California Building Standards Code by adopting more restrictive standards and modifications if such standards and modifications are accompanied by express findings that they are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions.

B. The City Council of the City of Norco finds that these local climatic, geological or topographical conditions include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The City is subject to relatively low amounts of precipitation, very low humidity levels and extremely high temperatures. These climatic conditions are conducive to the spread of drought conditions and fires. For example, during July, August and September, temperatures often exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit. During the same months humidity is usually less than 40% and measurements of less than 10% are not uncommon. These recordings have been documented by the Riverside County Flood Control District and the National Climatic Data Center.
2. The City is subject to extremely strong winds, commonly referred to as "Santa Ana Winds," which can reach speeds of up to 102 miles per hour. In addition, the convergence of the marine shore air flow and the desert air flow create

steady winds on a daily basis. Finally, the City is bordered on the south by steep, rugged, brush-covered mountains and parts of the City contain hilly terrain and mounds, which either contribute to or create gusty wind conditions by causing a natural funneling effect and increasing wind speeds over the City.

3. The City is also subject to moderately strong shaking and surface ruptures from seismic activity in the area. The geologic and seismic setting of the City is dominated by the Chino and Elsinore earthquake faults along the southwest portion of the City and a diversity of bedrock and alluvial soils that may significantly affect the intensity of earthquake shaking. The Elsinore fault is located a short distance southwest of the City, while the Chino fault, which is subparallel to the Elsinore fault, is located just inside the City's southwestern boundary. Of the two faults, the Chino fault has the greater potential for surface rupture leading to structural damage of structures in the City. Moreover, the thin alluvial soils found in parts of the City contribute to a moderately high potential for liquefaction in certain areas.

C. The aforementioned geologic and climatic conditions have also contributed to the loss or damage of 450 homes in the Bel Air Fire of 1961; 187 homes in the Chatsworth Fire of 1970; 50 homes in the Mandeville Canyon Fire of 1978; 262 homes in the Anaheim Fire of 1982; 71 homes in the Baldwin Hills Fire of 1985; 33 homes in the Porter Ranch Fire of 1988; 162 homes in the Santa Barbara Fire of 1990; hundreds of acres in the nearby Chino Hills State Park Fire of 1997; the Corona Triangle/Freeway Complex Fire November 15, 2008 burned 318 properties, burned 30,305 plus acres, destroyed 187 single/multiple family homes, damaged 127 homes, damaged or destroyed four commercial properties; 200 acres were burned in the Sierra Pass Fire on September 24, 2013; the Madre Fire which burned 268 acres on September 23, 2013; the Little Fire on August 29, 2013 which burned 97 acres; the Deluz Fire on October 5, 2013 which burned 2236 acres, threatened 300 residents and the Naval Hospital; the Forks Complex Fire October 1, 2013 burned 37,246 acres; the Rim Fire September 3, 2013 which burned 257,314 acres, destroyed 3 commercial buildings and 11 residences; the Thomas Fire on December 4, 2017 burned 281,893 acres, 1063 structures and caused 2 deaths; the Woolsey Fire in November 2018 destroyed 1643 structures and caused 3 deaths; the Palisades Fire in January 2025 destroyed 6,837 structures and caused 12 deaths; and the Eaton Fire in January 2025 destroyed 9418 structures and caused 19 deaths.

D. These fires, as well as the recent Whittier Earthquake of 1987, Northridge Earthquake of 1994, the Chino Hills Earthquake of 2008 and the recent 2019 Ridgecrest Earthquakes have resulted in the tragic loss of lives along with enormous property losses.

E. For practicality and cost reasons, many new structures are built of wood (Type V) construction. The potential for a conflagration exists due to the design and density of current structures.

F. Electrical supply and telephone communication failures occur due to high winds as well as other reasons. Water supply pumps and early notification of a fire cannot always be counted on.

G. Based upon the recommendations of the Building Official, the City Council finds that the proposed amendments to the 2025 California Building Standards Code ("amendments") are more restrictive than the standards adopted by the California Building Standards Commission, would decrease the potential incidence of property damage, injury and death due to fires and earthquakes, and are reasonable and necessary to mitigate the aforementioned local climatic, geologic or topographical conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Norco, California, does hereby ordain:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) is hereby amended to read as follows
Existing Chapters and Sections in Title 15 not amended below shall remain effective:

**Title 15
Buildings and Construction**

Chapter 15.01 Administrative Provisions for Title 15

15.01.020 Code adoption.

A. Subject to the particular additions, amendments and deletions set forth in this chapter, all the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain document being marked and designated as the 2025 California Building Code, Chapter 1, Division II, are hereby adopted. The changes set forth herein are made to the 2025 Edition of the California Building Code as published by the International Code Council.

B. One certified copy of the 2025 California Building Code, Chapter 1, Division II, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d)&(e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Any and all references thereto are adopted as the administrative provisions to the codes adopted in this title for the City of Norco, unless otherwise provided, and subject to the changes contained in this chapter.

F. Except as provided in this chapter, those certain building codes known and designated as the 2025 California Building Code (CBC), including Appendix Chapters C—Group U Agricultural Buildings, G—Flood-Resistant Construction, and I—Patio Covers, as adopted by the State of California, based on the 2024 International Building Code as published by the International Code Council. The provisions of these construction codes as amended by this chapter shall constitute the building regulations of the City of Norco. The requirements found in Appendix C for agricultural buildings shall not supersede the accessory building requirements which are found in Chapters 18.12 and 18.13 and the Norco Hills Specific Plan and the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan. Chapter 29 (Plumbing Systems) is hereby excluded from the City of Norco's adoption for being redundant and contradictory to the California Plumbing Code.

15.01.030 Amendments—Generally.

Designated sections of the 2025 California Building Code, Chapter 1, Division II, are amended to read as set forth in Sections 15.01.040 through 15.01.180.

15.01.050 Amendment—Section 101.4 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1)—Referenced codes.

Section 101.4 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

101.4 Referenced Codes. The other codes listed in section 101.4.1 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) through 101.4.9 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) and referenced elsewhere in this code shall be considered part of the requirements of this code.

101.4.1 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The 2025 California Building Code as adopted and amended by NMC Chapter 15.02.

101.4.2 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The 2025 California Green Building Code as adopted and amended by NMC Chapter 15.08.

101.4.3 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The Housing Code as adopted and amended by NMC Chapter 15.06.

101.4.4 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The 2025 California Residential Code as adopted and amended by NMC Chapter 15.07.

101.4.5 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The 2025 California Mechanical Code as adopted and amended by NMC Chapter 15.04.

101.4.6 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The 2025 California Fire Code as adopted and amended by NMC Chapter 15.09.

101.4.7 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The 2025 California Plumbing Code as adopted and amended by NMC Chapter 15.05.

101.4.8 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The 2025 California Electrical Code as adopted and amended by NMC Chapter 15.03.

101.4.9 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The 2025 California Energy Code as adopted by the State of California.

101.4.10 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) The 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, as adopted and amended by NMC Chapter 15.16.

15.01.070 Addition—Section 105.1 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1).

Section 105.1 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) is amended by adding Section 105.1.3 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) thereto as follows:

105.1.3 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) Storm Drainage Fee. Storm Drainage Facility Fund Fees. When a building permit is issued for the construction of a new building or for the alteration or enlargement of an existing building that results in additional roof area, a fee of \$0.02 per square foot (or the rate established by the most recent fee study) of new or additional roof area shall be

collected for the purpose of construction or improvement of storm drain facilities. Said fees shall be deposited in the Storm Drainage Fee Facility Fund and shall be used solely for the improvement of the storm drainage system of the City of Norco.

15.01.080 Amendment—Section 105.2 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1).

Section 105.2 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Work Exempt from Permit. Exemptions from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. A building permit shall not be required for the following:

Building:

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
2. Chain link, wrought iron, wood, vinyl, glass and corral fences not over six (6) feet high. Masonry fences not over three (3) feet high.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Retaining walls that are not over two (2) feet in height measured from the top of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or any superimposed load other than the natural fill of level earth or impounding Class I, II, or IIIA liquids.
5. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
6. Platforms, walks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops and similar finish work.
8. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 Occupancy that are less than 24 inches deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons and are installed entirely above ground.
10. A 12 foot x 24 foot large animal-keeping roofed and side-covered corral which is self-supporting and per the following:
 - a. These corrals must be independently supported in increments no larger than 12 feet x 24 feet and an area of 288 square feet.
 - b. One 12-foot x 24-foot corral is allowed for each animal unit (i.e. a horse, cow, sheep etc.) per the requirements/allowances of the underlying zone.
 - c. The corral may be enclosed on up to three (3) sides to create a “loafing” or “run-in” type of shelter for animals, provided a minimum 1-foot opening is kept at the top of the enclosure wall (between the wall and the roof) along the entire length of the enclosure wall with the longest dimension. This one foot “open-air” clearance is required to allow wind to pass through the corral and prevent overturning.

- d. These corrals cannot exceed 14 feet in height at the roof peak, and 8 feet in height to the top of the corral walls.
- e. These corrals are exempt from requiring a 10-foot separation between these corrals. Multiple corrals that meet the requirements of this section can be next to each other on the same parcel but must have a minimum 1-inch air-gap clearance between the roof of the corrals. Furthermore, these corrals cannot be permanently (rigidly) joined together to make a permanent corral larger than 288 square feet, but can have a temporary connection (i.e. clamps, bolts etc.) on the sides.
- f. This exemption does not negate the required 5-foot setback from property lines, nor other requirements of maintaining animals as noted in the Zoning Code of the Norco Municipal Code.
- g. Covered corrals must be secured to the ground by the means of a concrete "fence post" style footing minimum 18 inches deep x 6 inches in diameter, a 1-foot x 1-foot x 1-foot deep square concrete footing with anchor, or other type of soil anchor attachment to the ground that will prevent this corral from overturning in a wind event, and to prevent a hazard to the animal(s) itself. These footings must be easily removable or abandoned if this corral is moved or removed off the property.
- h. These corrals must be constructed of weather resistant materials including steel (pipe, iron, sheet metal etc.) or wood (pressure treated, painted wood, plywood, etc.) and be maintained in accordance with the Norco Municipal Code property maintenance standards.
- 11. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings.
- 12. In Group R-3 and U occupancies, window awnings that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall, when supported by an exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- 13. Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches in height.
- 14. Residential decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area, with a walking surface that is not more than 30" above grade at any point, is not attached to a dwelling and does not serve as a required path of egress or required path of accessibility. Decks located in a front yard setback will require approval from the Planning Division of the City of Norco.

Electrical:

- 1. Repairs and maintenance: Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
- 2. Radio and television transmitting stations: The provisions of this code shall not apply to electrical equipment used for radio and television transmissions but do apply to equipment and wiring for a power supply and the installation of towers and antennas.
- 3. Temporary testing systems: A permit shall not be required for the installation of any temporary system required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.

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4. The requirements and exemptions in California Article 89 of the 2025 California Electrical Code, including those set forth in sections 89.101.3.3 and 89.108.4.1, shall also apply.
5. Repair or replacement of branch circuit over-current devices, listed for the use, of the required capacity in the same location.

Gas:

1. Portable heating appliances.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

Mechanical:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Portable ventilation equipment.
3. Portable cooling unit.
4. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
5. Replacement of any part that does not alter its approval or make it unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative cooler.
7. Self-contained refrigeration system containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less.

Plumbing:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drain pipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.
2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

Grading:

1. Grading requirements and permits shall be as required by Chapter 15.90 of the Norco Municipal Code.

15.01.090 Amendment—Section 105.3.2 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1).

Section 105.3.2 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) is amended to read as follows:

105.3.2 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) Time Limitation of Application. An application for a permit for any proposed work shall be deemed to have been abandoned 180 days after the date of filing, unless such application has been pursued in good faith or a permit has been issued; except that the building official is authorized to grant one extension of time, for a period not more than 180 days. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.

15.01.100 Amendment—Section 105.5 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1).

Section 105.5 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) is amended to read as follows:

105.5 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) Expiration and Renewal. Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work on the site authorized by such permit is commenced within 12 months after its issuance, or if the work authorized on the site by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 12 months after the time the work is commenced. The building official is authorized to grant, in writing, one extension of time, for a period not more than 180 days. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.

Renewal: Extensions will only be granted prior to the expiration of a permit. When a permit has expired, work cannot be recommenced prior to obtaining a new permit. Requests to renew an expired permit shall be submitted to the Building Official, in writing, demonstrating justifiable cause and subject to the approval of the Building Official. If approved by the Building Official the fee shall be one half the amount required for a new permit for such work, provided no changes have been made or will be made in the original plans and specifications for such work and provided further that the suspension or abandonment has not exceeded one year. To renew a permit after more than a year of suspension or abandonment the permittee shall pay a new full permit fee. Exception: if the Building Official determines that the cost to perform the

remaining inspections is less than the cost of a full new permit fee, the Building Official may approve the lesser fee.

15.01.160 Addition—Sections 110.3.9.1 and 110.3.9.2 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1).

Section 110.3.9 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) is amended by adding the following new subsections thereto as follows:

110.3.9.1 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1). Roof Sheathing and Shear Inspection. Roof sheathing and shear inspections shall be performed after roof sheathing and all structural shear panels or walls are in place and secured by nailing or other approved methods.

110.3.9.2 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1). Plaster Inspection. Plaster inspections shall be performed after the application of the scratch coat.

15.01.190 Violation—Penalty.

A. No person, firm, partnership, association or corporation shall violate any provisions of this chapter and any provisions of the codes, rules or regulations adopted in this title.

B. Any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation violating any of the provisions adopted in this title by reference, shall be guilty of an infraction, except where otherwise provided in this title. Any person violating a stop work order issued pursuant to the 2025 California Building Code, Chapter 1, Division II, Section 115.3, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who continues to occupy or any person who enters a structure which has been posted “unsafe” by the Building Official pursuant to the 2025 California Building Code, Chapter 1, Division II, Section 116, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who maintains or fails to remove a structure which has been posted “unsafe” by the Building Official pursuant to the 2025 California Building Code, Chapter 1, Division II, Section 116, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

C. Every person, firm, association or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter or provisions of the codes, rules or regulations adopted in this chapter by reference is guilty of a separate offense for each day or portion thereof during which the violation continues and shall be punishable therefor as provided in Title 1 (General Provisions), which includes administrative citations up to \$500.00 per day per Section 1.05.030.

D. It is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association or joint venture, either as owner, architect, contractor, artisan or otherwise, to do or to cause or permit to be done any work as described in the California Building Standards Code as adopted by reference in this title in such a manner that such work does not conform to all the provisions of this title and the provisions of said California Building Standards Code, as so adopted by reference.

Chapter 15.02 BUILDING CODE

15.02.020 Adoption of the building code.

A. Except as provided in this chapter, those certain building codes known and designated as the 2025 California Building Code (CBC), including Appendix Chapters C—Group U—Agricultural Buildings, G—Flood-Resistant Construction, and I—Patio Covers, as adopted by the State of California, based on the 2024 International Building Code as published by the International Code

Council, except as amended herein, shall become the building code of the City of Norco for regulating the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, moving, removal, demolition, conversion, occupancy, equipment, use, height, area and maintenance of all buildings and/or structures in the City. The requirements found in Appendix C for agricultural buildings shall not supersede the accessory building requirements which are found in Chapters 18.12 and 18.13 and the Norco Hills Specific Plan and the Norco Ridge Ranch Specific Plan. The 2025 California Building Code and its adopted appendices and amendments will be on file for public examination in the offices of the Building Official.

B. Chapter 1, Division II, as adopted and amended in Chapter 15.01.

C. Appendix Chapters A, B, D, E, F, and H (CBC) are not adopted.

D. Appendix J (CBC) is adopted as currently amended by Chapter 15.90.

E. One certified copy of the 2025 California Building Code, subject to the changes contained in this chapter, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d) & (e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms thereof are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, as though fully set forth at length.

15.02.080 Amendment—Section 701A.3 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1), Fire hazard severity zone.

Remove this section in it's entirety.

Chapter 15.03

ELECTRICAL CODE

15.03.020 Code adoption.

Subject to the particular additions, amendments and deletions set forth in this chapter, all the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain document being marked and designated as 2025 California Electrical Code, including the tables and annexes thereto, but excluding Annexes E, F, G and H, are hereby adopted as the electrical code of the City of Norco.

One certified copy of the 2025 California Electrical Code, subject to the changes contained in this chapter, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d) & (e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms thereof are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, as though fully set forth at length.

Chapter 15.04

MECHANICAL CODE

15.04.020 Code adoption.

A. Subject to the particular additions, amendments and deletions set forth in this chapter, all the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain document being marked and designated as the 2025 California Mechanical Code, not including the appendices, are hereby adopted as the mechanical code of the City of Norco.

1. Chapter 1, Division II, Administration, is not adopted as part of this code.

2. Appendices A, B, C and D are not adopted as part of this code.

B. One certified copy of the 2025 California Mechanical Code, subject to the changes contained in this chapter, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d) & (e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Each and all the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms thereof are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, as though fully set forth at length.

Chapter 15.05 PLUMBING CODE

15.05.020 Code adoption.

A. Subject to the particular additions, amendments and deletions set forth in this chapter, all the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain document being marked and designated as the 2025 California Plumbing Code, including the following appendices and portions thereof, are hereby adopted as the plumbing code of the City of Norco:

1. Chapter 1, Division II, Administration, is not adopted as part of this code.
2. Appendices A, B, D, G, I, K, and L are adopted as part of this code.

B. One certified copy of the 2025 California Plumbing Code, subject to the changes contained in this chapter, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d) & (e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms thereof are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, as though fully set forth at length.

15.05.040 Amendments—Generally.

Designated sections of the 2025 California Plumbing Code are amended to read as set forth in this section and Section 15.05.050.

15.05.050 Amendment—Section 314.4.

Section 314.4 is amended by adding thereto as follows:

No permittee hereunder shall leave unattended at any time any excavation for sewer or sewage disposal facilities, unless the permittee shall have first provided a suitable and adequate barricade, which will prevent any person from being in any way injured as a result of said excavation. Said permittee shall at all times during the existence of said excavation maintain said barricade in a manner suitable to protect any person from being injured.

Chapter 15.07 RESIDENTIAL CODE

15.07.020 Code adoption.

A. Subject to the particular additions, amendments and deletions set forth in this chapter, all the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain document being marked and designated as 2025 California Residential Code, including Appendix H, is hereby adopted as the residential code of the City of Norco.

B. Chapter 1, Division II, is not adopted.

C. Appendix Chapters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P and Q are not adopted as part of this code.

D. One certified copy of the 2025 California Residential Code, subject to the changes contained in this chapter, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d) & (e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms thereof are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, as though fully set forth at length.

15.07.030 Administration—Generally.

The administrative procedures as adopted in Chapter [15.01](#) shall apply to this chapter.

15.07.040 Amendments—Generally.

Designated sections of the 2025 California Residential Code are amended to read as set forth in this section through Section 15.07.060.

15.07.040.1 Table R301.2(1) is hereby amended, by the deletion of Table R301.2(1) and the addition of a new Table R301.2(1) thereto, to read as follows:

TABLE R301.2(1)													
CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA													
Ground Snow Load _o	WIND DESIGN				Seismic Design Category _f	SUBJECT TO DAMAGE FROM			Winter Design Temp _e	Ice Barrier Under-Layment Required _h	Flood Hazards _g	Air Freezing Index _i	Mean Annual Temp _j
	Speed mph _d	Topographic effects _k	Special Wind _l Region	Wind borne debris zone _m		Weathering _{g^a}	Frost line _b Depth	Termite _c					
Zero	102	Exposure B	Yes	No	D2 or E	Negligible	12-24"	Very Heavy	43	No	Yes	0	63
MANUAL J DESIGN CRITERIA _n													
Elevation	Latitude	Winter Heating	Summer Cooling	Altitude Correction Factor	Indoor Design Temperature	Design Temperature Cooling	Heat Temperature Difference						
709	33.931	28	99	N/A	70	75	-						
Cooling Temperature Difference		Wind Velocity Heating	Wind Velocity Cooling	Coincident Wet Bulb	Daily Range	Winter Humidity	Summer Humidity						
7		-	-	69	27	-	7 (50% RH)						

For SI: 1 pound per square foot = 0.0479 kPa, 1 mile per hour = 0.447 m/s.

- a. Where weathering requires a higher strength concrete or grade of masonry than necessary to satisfy the structural requirements of this code, the frost line depth strength required for weathering shall govern. The weathering column shall be filled in with the weathering index, “negligible,” “moderate” or “severe” for concrete as determined from Figure R301.2(1). The grade of masonry units shall be determined from ASTM C34, ASTM C55, ASTM C62, ASTM C73, ASTM C90, ASTM C129, ASTM C145, ASTM C216 or ASTM C652.*
- b. Where the frost line depth requires deeper footings than indicated in Figure R403.1(1), the frost line depth strength required for weathering shall govern. The jurisdiction shall fill in the frost line depth column with the minimum depth of footing below finish grade.*
- c. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table to indicate the need for protection depending on whether there has been a history of local subterranean termite damage.*
- d. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the wind speed from the ultimate design wind speeds map [Figure R301.2(2)]. Wind exposure category shall be determined on a site-specific basis in accordance with Section R301.2.1.4.*
- e. The jurisdiction shall fill in this section of the table to establish the design criteria using Table 10A from ACCA Manual J or established criteria determined by the jurisdiction.*
- f. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the seismic design category determined from Section R301.2.2.1.*
- g. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with: the date of the jurisdiction’s entry into the National Flood Insurance Program (date of adoption of the first code or ordinance for management of flood hazard areas); and the title and date of the currently effective Flood Insurance Study or other flood hazard study and maps adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, as amended.*
- h. In accordance with Sections R905.1.2, R905.4.3.1, R905.5.3.1, R905.6.3.1, R905.7.3.1 and R905.8.3.1, where there has been a history of local damage from the effects of ice damming, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with “YES.” Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with “NO.”*
- i. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the 100-year return period air freezing index (BF-days) from Figure R403.3(2) or from the 100-year (99 percent) value on the National Climatic Data Center data table “Air Freezing Index-USA Method (Base 32°F).”*
- j. The jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with the mean annual temperature from the National Climatic Data Center data table “Air Freezing Index-USA Method (Base 32°F).”*
- k. In accordance with Section R301.2.1.5, where there is local historical data documenting structural damage to buildings due to topographic wind speed-up effects, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with “YES.” Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall indicate “NO” in this part of the table.*
- l. In accordance with Figure R301.2(2), where there is local historical data documenting unusual wind conditions, the jurisdiction shall fill in this part of the table with “YES” and identify any specific requirements. Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall indicate “NO” in this part of the table.*
- m. In accordance with Section R301.2.1.2 the jurisdiction shall indicate the wind-borne debris wind zone(s). Otherwise, the jurisdiction shall indicate “NO” in this part of the table.*
- n. The jurisdiction shall fill in these sections of the table to establish the design criteria using Table 1a or 1b from ACCA Manual J or established criteria determined by the jurisdiction.*
- o. The jurisdiction shall fill in this section of the allowable stress design table using the Ground Snow Loads in Figure R301.2(3).*

15.07.050 Amendment—Section R902.1 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1).

Section R902.1 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) is amended by adding new subsection R902.1.5 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) thereto as follows:

R902.1.5 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) Class A Roof Covering Requirement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Building Code and Appendices to the contrary, Class A roof covering, as defined in Chapter 15 of the 2025 California Building Code, shall be applied:

1. To any building hereinafter constructed.
2. To any re-roofing of existing buildings, when fifty percent (50%) or more of the existing roof is replaced or overlaid within a 1-year period.
3. To any room additions where the aggregate area of the new roof exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate area of the existing roof.

15.07.060 Addition—Section R902.

Section R902 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) is amended by adding subsection R902.5 (CBC Part 2 Volume 1) thereto as follows:

R902.5 (CBC, Part 2 Volume 1) Class A Roof Covering Requirement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Building Code and Appendices to the contrary, Class A roof covering, as defined in Chapter 15 of the 2025 California Building Code, shall be applied:

1. To any building hereinafter constructed.
2. To any re-roofing of existing buildings, when fifty percent (50%) or more of the existing roof is replaced or overlaid within a 1-year period.
3. To any room additions where the aggregate area of the new roof exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate area of the existing roof.

15.07.070 Violation—Penalty.

The violation and penalties for this chapter shall be as adopted in Chapter [15.01](#).

Chapter 15.08 GREEN BUILDING CODE

15.08.020 Code adoption.

A. Subject to the particular additions, amendments and deletions set forth in this chapter, all the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain document being marked and designated as 2025 California Green Building Standards Code, Chapters 1 through 8, not including appendices, are hereby adopted as the green building code of the City of Norco.

B. The administrative procedures as adopted in Chapter 15.01 shall apply to this chapter.

C. The voluntary measures contained in the appendices are not adopted as part of this code.

D. One certified copy of the 2025 California Green Building Standards Code, subject to the changes contained in this chapter, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d) & (e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms thereof are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, as though fully set forth at length.

Chapter 15.10 EXISTING BUILDING CODE

15.10.010 Existing Building Code

15.10.010 Adoption of the California Existing Building Code

A. Subject to the particular additions, amendments and deletions set forth in this chapter, all the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain document being marked and designated as the 2025 California Existing Building Code, including appendix A, is hereby adopted as the Existing Building Code of the City of Norco.

1. Chapter 1, Division II, Administration, is not adopted as part of this code.
2. Appendices B, C and D are not adopted as part of this code.

B. One certified copy of the 2025 California Existing Building Code, subject to the changes contained in this chapter, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d) & (e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms thereof are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, as though fully set forth at length.

15.76.020 Amendments.

- A. The text within Chapter 1 Division 2 is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 1 Part 2
Administrative Provisions

For administrative provisions for this Code, see §

Chapter 15.13 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

15.13.020 Code adoption.

A. Subject to the particular additions, amendments and deletions set forth in this chapter, all the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain document being marked and designated as 2025 California Administrative Code, Chapters 1 through 11, not including appendices, are hereby adopted as the administrative code of the City of Norco.

B. The administrative procedures adopted in Chapter 15.01 shall apply to this chapter.

C. The voluntary measures contained in the appendices are not adopted as part of this code.

D. One certified copy of the 2025 California Administrative Code, subject to the changes contained in this chapter, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d) & (e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms thereof are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, as though fully set forth at length.

Chapter 15.14 ENERGY CODE

15.14.020 Code adoption.

A. Subject to the particular additions, amendments and deletions set forth in this chapter, all the rules, regulations, provisions and conditions set forth in that certain document being marked and designated as 2025 California Energy Code, Chapters 1 through 9, not including appendices, are hereby adopted as the energy code of the City of Norco.

B. The administrative procedures adopted in Chapter 15.01 shall apply to this chapter.

C. The voluntary measures contained in the appendices are not adopted as part of this code.

D. One certified copy of the 2025 California Energy Code subject to the changes contained in this chapter, shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Official pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(d) & (e)(1), and made available for public inspection. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms thereof are referred to, adopted and made a part of this chapter, as though fully set forth at length.

SECTION 2: NMC Chapter 15.16 is added in its entirety to read as follows:


SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after final passage thereof; however, the provisions herein shall not become operative until January 1, 2026.

SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5: POSTING: The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance, and the City Clerk shall attest hereto and shall cause the same within 15 days of its passage to be posted at no less than five public places within the City of Norco.


SECTION 6: FILING: The City Clerk must file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the California Building Standards Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Norco, California, at a regular meeting held on October 15, 2025.



Greg Newton, Mayor
Mayor of the City of Norco, California

ATTEST:




Dana Roa, CMC, City Clerk
City of Norco, California

I, Dana Roa, CMC, City Clerk of the City of Norco, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Norco, California, duly held on, September 17, 2025 and thereafter at a regular meeting of said City Council duly held on October 15, 2025 it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote of the City Council.

AYES: Mayor Newton, Mayor Pro Tem Grundmeyer, Council Members Bash, Bowen and
NOES: Sullivan
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Norco, California, on October 15, 2025.



Dana Roa, CMC, City Clerk
City of Norco, California