

**NINE-POINT CRITERIA ANALYSIS  
OF  
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
REGARDING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALGREEN)  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 11  
  
(HCD 04/12)**

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Building standards submitted to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) for approval are required by Health and Safety Code Section 18930(a) to be accompanied by an analysis which will, to the satisfaction of the commission, justify their approval. The approval of these proposed building standards is justified as follows:

**1) The proposed building standards do not conflict with, overlap, or duplicate other building standards.**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has determined that the proposed adoption of the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) into Title 24, Part 11 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) does not conflict with, overlap or duplicate other building standards.

**2) The proposed building standards are within the parameters established by enabling legislation, and are not expressly within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency.**

The CALGreen Code was created as a result of a collaboration of the CBSC, other state agencies, consumers, developers, design professionals and those in the building industry with an interest in developing green building standards which establish California as a leader in the efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve environmental quality.

The proposed adoption of the 2013 CALGreen Code is necessary to comply with Health and Safety Code Sections 17921 and 17922 of the State Housing Law, and Government Code Section 12955.1; Health and Safety Code Section 17040 of the Employee Housing Act; and Health and Safety Code Section 19990 of the Factory-Built Housing Law.

The proposed building standards are not within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency.

**3) The public interest requires the adoption of the building standards.**

Health and Safety Code Section 17921 directs HCD to propose the adoption, amendment, or repeal of building standards into Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations for the protection of public health, safety, and general welfare of the occupant and the public.

**4) The proposed building standards are not unreasonable, arbitrary, unfair, or capricious, in whole or in part.**

HCD has determined that the proposed building standards are not unreasonable, arbitrary, unfair, or capricious; in whole or in part.

**5) The cost to the public is reasonable, based on the overall benefit to be derived from the building standards.**

HCD finds that the adoption of the 2013 CALGreen Code results in reasonable costs or costs savings to the public because it updates health and safety standards, provides the most recent methods, and promotes affordable costs. Health and Safety Code Section 17950 mandates the application of published building standards on a statewide basis, which assists in uniformity and cost affordability.

**6) The proposed building standards are not unnecessarily ambiguous or vague, in whole or in part.**

HCD has determined that the adoption of the 2013 CALGreen Code is neither ambiguous nor vague, either in whole or in part. The language of the CALGreen Code was developed, reviewed and edited to avoid ambiguity or vagueness.

**7) The applicable national specifications, published standards, and model codes have been incorporated therein as provided in this part, where appropriate.** (Health and Safety Code Section 18930 requires a statement of inadequacy of a national specification, published standard, or model code if it does not adequately address the goals of the state agency, OR a statement informing the commission that no national specification, published standard, or model code that is relevant to the proposed building standards exists.)

HCD has adopted the 2013 CALGreen Code in order to incorporate the most recent changes to state and federal laws, to provide consistency and clarity and to ensure that conditions unique to California are adequately addressed.

**8) The format of the proposed building standards is consistent with that adopted by the commission.**

HCD is using the format consistent with that adopted by the CBSC.

**9) The proposed building standards, if they promote fire and panic safety as determined by the State Fire Marshal, have the written approval of the State Fire Marshal.**

The proposed adoption of the 2013 CALGreen Code into Title 24, Part 11 of the CCR is subject to review by the State Fire Marshal and written approval, if necessary, will be obtained as required.