
Ordinance repealing the 2013 Electrical Code in its entirety and enacting a 2016 Electrical Code consisting of the 2016 California Electrical Code as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing an operative date of January 1, 2017; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the legislation to the California Building Standards Commission as required by State law.

NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font. Additions to Codes are in single-underline italics Times New Roman font. Deletions to Codes are in strikethrough italics Times New Roman font. Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (* * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Environmental Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 160946 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

Section 2. General Findings.

(a) The State of California adopts a new California Building Standards Code every three years (the “triennial State Code”) with supplements published in intervening years. The triennial State Code goes into effect throughout the State of California 180 days after its
publication by the California Building Standards Commission or at a later date established by the Commission.

(b) The California Building Standards Code is contained in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. It consists of 12 Parts based upon model codes that are amended by the State agencies with jurisdiction over the subject matter. The California Electrical Code is Part 3 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. The 2016 California Electrical Code will go into effect throughout California on January 1, 2017.

(c) Local jurisdictions must enforce the California Building Standards Code but they may also enact more restrictive building standards that are reasonably necessary because of local conditions caused by climate, geology, or topography. Local amendments may be made to a triennial State Code and also throughout the intervening years. However, local amendments previously adopted are not automatically applicable to a new triennial State Code. Rather, they must be re-enacted with the required findings of local conditions, expressly made applicable to the new triennial State Code, and with an operative date no earlier than the effective date of the new State Code.

(d) As in past triennial State Code adoption cycles, by this ordinance the Board of Supervisors repeals the 2013 San Francisco Electrical Code in its entirety, enacts the 2016 San Francisco Electrical Code, and re-enacts the existing local amendments and makes them applicable to the 2016 California Electrical Code.

(e) Pursuant to Charter Section D3.750-5, the Building Inspection Commission considered and approved San Francisco’s amendments to the 2016 California Electrical Code at a duly noticed public hearing that was held on August 17, 2016.

Section 3. Findings regarding Local Conditions.
(a) California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5 provide that before making any changes or modifications to the California Electrical Code and any other applicable provisions published by the California Building Standards Commission, the governing body must make an express finding that each such change or modification is reasonably necessary because of specified local conditions. The local amendments together with the required findings must be filed with the California Building Standards Commission before the local changes or modifications can go into effect.

(b) The City and County of San Francisco is unique among California communities with respect to local climatic, geological, topographical, and other conditions. A specific list of findings that support San Francisco's modifications to the 2016 California Electrical Code, with a section-by-section correlation of each modification with a specific numbered finding, are contained in Exhibit A entitled "Standard Findings for San Francisco Building Standards Code Amendments."

(c) Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.7 and 18941.5, the Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the local conditions described in Exhibit A constitute a general summary of the most significant local conditions giving rise to the need for modification of the 2016 California Electrical Code provisions published by the California Building Standards Commission. The Board of Supervisors further finds and determines that the proposed modifications are reasonably necessary based upon the local conditions set forth in Exhibit A.


(a) The 2013 San Francisco Electrical Code is hereby repealed in its entirety. The San Francisco Electrical Code being repealed was enacted on November 5, 2013, by
Ordinance No. 256-13, with an operative date of January 1, 2014. It was amended by Ordinance No. 060-16. These ordinances are available on the website of the Board of Supervisors.

(b) The 2016 San Francisco Electrical Code is hereby enacted. It consists of the 2016 California Electrical Code and San Francisco's existing local amendments, which are re-enacted and expressly made applicable to the 2016 California Electrical Code. Copies of the 2016 California Electrical Code and the stand-alone San Francisco amendments are declared to be part of Board File No. 160946 and are incorporated into this ordinance by reference as though fully set forth. Additions to the 2016 California Electrical Code are shown in bold underlined type; deletions are shown with bold strikethrough type.

Section 5. Continuance of Actions Under Prior Code. Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of any ordinance of the City and County of San Francisco hereby repealed, nor shall this ordinance be construed as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalties accruing, or to accrue, or as waiving any right of the City under any such ordinance.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.
Section 7. Effective and Operative Dates. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after either January 1, 2017 or its effective date if the effective date is later.

Section 8. Directions to Clerk. Upon final passage of this ordinance, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to transmit this ordinance with the Exhibit A attachment and the San Francisco modifications to the 2016 California Electrical Code to the California Building Standards Commission pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: [Signature]
JUDITH A. BOYAJIAN
Deputy City Attorney

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October 31, 2016 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

November 01, 2016 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

November 15, 2016 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED
Ayes: 9 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin and Tang
Excused: 2 - Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 11/15/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

11/22/2016
Date Approved