



2025 California Fire Code Adoption

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Visalia Fire

Code Adoption

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- Sections not adopted by the State Fire Marshal or other State entities must be specifically adopted by the Local Authority Having Jurisdiction to be enforced.

- **Sections:**

- 104.4 Right of Entry – Provides additional authority to obtain an inspection warrant if entry is denied to an unsafe structure.

- 111.1 Authority to disconnect service utilities – Provides additional authority to disconnect utilities in the event of an emergency or when a structure is deemed unsafe to occupy.

- 112 Means of appeals – Outlines the requirements of a board of appeals to rule on appeals of the interpretation and/or enforcement of the California Fire Code.

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- **Sections continued:**

- 311 Vacant premises – Provides additional authority to require maintenance of vacant structures throughout the community. Provides additional authority to secure vacant structures in the event that a property owner fails to do so and or demolish abandoned structures that are deemed hazardous.
- 503 Fire Apparatus access roads – Outlines minimum fire apparatus road construction requirements including dimensions and marking requirements. Additionally, section 503 provides the ability to require multiple access points to large commercial projects that may otherwise only have one point of access/egress.

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- **Appendices continued:**

- Appendix I (Fire Protection Systems- Noncompliant Conditions) – Consolidates applicable code references from NFPA for the enforcement of fire protection system maintenance requirements, primarily fire sprinklers and fire alarm systems.
- Appendix N (Indoor Trade Shows and Exhibitions) – Provides applicable code sections for indoor trade shows and exhibitions.
- Appendix P (Temporary Haunted Houses, Ghost Walks and Similar Amusement Uses) – Provides applicable code sections for haunted houses and similar amusement buildings that pose a unique hazard due to a large number of occupants in a building that may be designed to purposefully confuse or disorientate the occupants.

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- **Appendices:**

- Appendix D (Fire Apparatus Access Roads as amended by section L) – Provides additional fire apparatus access road requirements including turnaround dimensions and templates. Appendix D has been modified to require additional access points for residential projects. These requirements prevent bottlenecking of traffic at a singular point that may be blocked by emergency apparatus. Having two access/egress points supports Police Department operations in the event and necessitates expedient egress from an area due to a potential or actual threat.

New Visalia Specific Amendments

- Section D106.1 Exception is deleted, requiring all multi-family (apartment) complexes with over 100 units to be provided with two points of vehicular entry and exit.
- All citations were updated as code sections changed throughout the code.



Thank You!

