

City of Cotati

Sonoma County, California



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on **October 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, or shortly thereafter, in the Council Chambers of Cotati City Hall, 201 West Sierra Avenue, to consider the following matter:

Adopt new Building Standards pursuant to the Triennial Building Code Update

The City of Cotati is conducting a public hearing to introduce and conduct the first reading of an ordinance to amend the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, in accordance with State law, the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Housing Code including local amendments and restatements of Title 14, in their entirety to the City of Cotati Municipal Code and the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures, providing for the issuance of permits and the collection of fees. This adoption is together with and includes local amendments and additions, appendices, errata and supplements thereof as allowed under AB 130 and repeals ordinance no. 916 of the City of Cotati and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. The proposed changes will go into effect on January 1, 2026. The proposed amendments consist of structural, fire and life safety, green building and sustainability, stormwater, sea-level rise, and administrative provisions or procedures. The majority of the proposed amendments are a continuation of previously adopted amendments from prior code adoption cycles.

The 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code is comprised of the California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Electrical Code, California Plumbing Code, California Mechanical Code, California Existing Building Code, California Energy Code, California Wildland Urban Interface Code, California Green Building Standards Code, California Historical Building Code, and California Fire Code. Every three years, the State of California adopts the latest edition of the California Building Standards Code and Uniform Housing Code to establish uniform standards for the construction and maintenance of buildings, electrical systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, and fire and life safety systems. The California Health and Safety Code Sections 13143.5, 17922, 17958, 18938(b) and 18941.5(a) require that the latest edition of the California Building Standards Code and Uniform Housing Code apply to local construction 180 days after publication.

CEQA DETERMINATION In conformance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Community Development Department has found that adoption of this ordinance is not a project under CEQA guidelines 15378 given that the regulatory action to update the building code will not result in a direct physical change to the environment.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend the meeting in person, attend virtually, or send their comments on the matters listed above to Eric Seabrook, Building Official at

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binspector@cotaticity.gov. Please see the meeting agenda for instructions regarding how to participate virtually.

WAIVER WARNING

/s/ Noah Housh
Community Development Director

IF YOU CHALLENGE THESE ISSUES IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE CITY OF COTATI AT, OR PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.