

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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(MT 29309)

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from Transportation and Land Management Agency/Building and Safety Department: Adoption of Ordinance No. 457.107 amending Ordinance No. 457 in its entirety by adopting and amending the 2025 California Building Standards Code (California Administrative Code, California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Electrical Code, California Mechanical Code, California Plumbing Code, California Energy Code, California Historic Building Code, California Existing Building Code, California Green Building Standards Code and California Wildland-Urban Interface Code including the adoption, as amended, of appendices of the 2025 California Building Code (Appendix C – Group U – Agricultural Buildings, Appendix I – Patio Covers, Appendix J - Grading, Appendix P – Sleeping Lofts, Appendix Q - Emergency Housing, and appendices of the California Residential Code (Appendix BF – Patio Covers, Appendix BO – Existing Buildings, and Structures, Appendix BB – Tiny Houses, Appendix CJ – Emergency Housing); declaring as a public nuisance all substandard buildings and portions thereof as defined in Sections 17920.3 or 17920.10 of the California Health and Safety Code; implementing the procedures required by the State Housing Law for substandard structures through California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1; and incorporating the abatement cost recovery procedures of Riverside County Ordinance No. 725; Not a Project under CEQA – All Districts, is continued to Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on November 18, 2025, of Supervisors Minutes.

(seal) WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors
Dated: November 18, 2025
Kimberly A. Rector, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By: _____ Deputy

AGENDA NO.
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xc: Building & Safety, COB/NS

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**ITEM: 3.52
(ID # 29309)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

FROM : TLMA-BUILDING AND SAFETY

SUBJECT: Adoption of Ordinance 457.107 TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 457.107 amending Ordinance No. 457 in its entirety by adopting and amending the 2025 California Building Standards Code (California Administrative Code, California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Electrical Code, California Mechanical Code, California Plumbing Code, California Energy Code, California Historic Building Code, California Existing Building Code, California Green Building Standards Code and California Wildland-Urban Interface Code including the adoption, as amended, of appendices of the 2025 California Building Code (Appendix C – Group U – Agricultural Buildings, Appendix I – Patio Covers, Appendix J - Grading, Appendix P – Sleeping Lofts, Appendix Q - Emergency Housing, and appendices of the California Residential Code (Appendix BF – Patio Covers, Appendix BO – Existing Buildings, and Structures, Appendix BB – Tiny Houses, Appendix CJ – Emergency Housing); declaring as a public nuisance all substandard buildings and portions thereof as defined in Sections 17920.3 or 17920.10 of the California Health and Safety Code; implementing the procedures required by the State Housing Law for substandard structures through California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1; and incorporating the abatement cost recovery procedures of Riverside County Ordinance No. 725; Not a Project under CEQA – All Districts [\$10,000 Total Cost - Building and Safety Department Funds 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that Ordinance No. 457.107 is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15378 and 15061(b)(3); and
2. Adopt Ordinance No. 457.107 amending Ordinance No. 457 in its entirety and replacing it with language adopting the 2025 California Building Standards Code (California Administrative Code, California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Electrical Code, California Mechanical Code, California Plumbing Code, California Energy Code, California Historic Building Code, California Existing Building Code, California Green Building Standards Code and California Wildland-Urban Interface Code including the adoption, as amended, of appendices of the 2025 California Building Code (Appendix C – Group U – Agricultural Buildings, Appendix I – Patio Covers, Appendix J - Grading, Appendix P – Sleeping Lofts, Appendix Q - Emergency Housing, and appendices of the California Residential Code (Appendix BF – Patio Covers, Appendix BO – Existing Buildings, and Structures, Appendix BB – Tiny Houses, Appendix CJ – Emergency Housing); declaring as a public nuisance all substandard buildings and

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portions thereof as defined in Sections 17920.3 or 17920.10 of the California Health and Safety Code; implementing the procedures required by the State Housing Law for substandard structures through California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1; and incorporating the abatement cost recovery procedures of Riverside County Ordinance No. 725.

ACTION:Policy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Building and Safety Department Fund 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Ordinance No. 457 establishes and implements the building standards contained in the California Building Standards Code and other state law for the unincorporated area of the County of Riverside. The California Building Standards Code is organized into the following parts: Administrative Code, Building Code, Residential Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, Energy Code, Historic Building Code, Fire Code, Existing Building Code, Green Building Standards and Wildland-Urban Interface Code, including any errata and supplements and any additional modifications adopted via Ordinance No. 787, as may be amended from time to time and as located in the office of the Clerk of the Board at 4080 Lemon St. First Floor, Suite 127, Riverside, CA 92501. The Fire Code is adopted separately through Ordinance No. 787.

The California Building Standards Code is updated in its entirety every three years by order of the California legislature. The most recent update to the California Building Standards Code will take effect on January 1, 2026. As a result, the County of Riverside is required to adopt by ordinance the 2025 California Building Standards Code. The County may also establish more restrictive building standards than the California Building Standards Code by making express findings that the more restrictive building standards are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions.

In light of the above, proposed Ordinance No. 457.107 amends Ordinance No. 457 in its entirety and replaces it with language that effectuates the following changes:

- (1) Update the substantive provisions of Ordinance No. 457 to adopt the current building requirements of the 2025 Building Standards Code, including the California Existing Building Code.
- (2) Adopt the following appendices of the 2025 California Building Code: Appendix C – Group U – Agricultural Buildings, Appendix I – Patio Covers, Appendix J - Grading, Appendix P – Sleep Lofts, and Appendix Q - Emergency Housing.
- (3) Adopt the following appendices of the 2025 California Residential Code: Appendix BF – Patio Covers, Appendix BO – Existing Buildings and Structures, Appendix BB – Tiny Houses, Appendix CJ – Emergency Housing.
- (4) Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 17958, 17958.5, 17958.7 and 18941.5, adopt more restrictive building standards based on Riverside County’s local climatic,

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geological, and topographical conditions in the following circumstances: construction without a permit, work exempt from permit, exemption to submittal documents prepared by registered design professionals, fees, refunds, ponds, agricultural registration certificates, and grading.

This amendment to Ordinance No. 457 does not change or increase any previously imposed building permit fees. All fees remain in effect as adopted previously and are merely carried over from the prior Ordinance No. 457.106.

While a number of changes are proposed to be made to Ordinance No. 457, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to Ordinance No. 457.107 or Ordinance No. 457.107 is exempt from CEQA for multiple reasons. First, ordinances that merely incorporate existing law do not constitute a project under CEQA. (*Union of Medical Marijuana Patients, Inc. v. City of Upland* (2016) 245 Cal.App.4th 1265, 1273.) In addition, organizational or administrative activities of government entities, such as the reorganization, formatting, addition of introductory explanation to the ordinance, and changes to administrative processing and application requirements do not constitute a project under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15378.

Ordinance No. 457.107 is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the amendment to Ordinance No. 457 may have a significant effect on the environment. The vast majority of the changes to Ordinance No. 457 are merely incorporating existing state law pursuant to the various changes in the 2025 California Building Standards Code, just as the County did with the previous adoption of Ordinance 457.106 adopting the 2022 California Building Standards Code. The other changes to Ordinance No. 457 are related to imposing more restrictive building standards for permit applicants based on express findings of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions. Ordinance No. 457.107 does not lead to any direct improvements, developments, or any other projects and no building or grading permits are being issued with its adoption. Furthermore, the issuance of any future grading permits are discretionary and are each subject to CEQA pursuant to Ordinance No. 457. Additionally, the remaining changes in Ordinance No. 457.107 are merely administrative and organizational which streamline administration and processing requirements. As a result, adoption of Ordinance No. 457.106 is exempt from CEQA and there is no possibility that this amendment will cause a significant impact on the environment.

Pursuant to item 3.39 on October 28, 2025, the Board of Supervisors initiated an amendment to Ordinance No. 457 to adopt as amended, revised and supplemented the 2025 California Building Standards Code and other building standards required by state law. Ordinance No. 457.107 will effectuate such an update.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

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Most of the changes to Ordinance No. 457 merely implement existing state law. For some provisions of the 2025 California Building Standards Code, Ordinance No. 457 also imposes more restrictive building standards than state law, which are unavoidable and necessary based on the local climatic, geological and topographical conditions of Riverside County.

Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A. Ordinance No. 457.107 (Redline)**
- Attachment B. Ordinance No. 457.107 (Clean)**
- Attachment C. Notice of Exemption**


Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 11/10/2025