

Council Meeting
December 4, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 3704

RECOMMENDATION:

Second and Final Reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3704** amending Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 9 of Division 8 of the Torrance Municipal Code. All of which adopt or amend the 2007 Edition of the California Building Code Volumes 1 and 2 with appendices, the 2007 Edition of the California Electrical Code, the 2007 Edition of the California Plumbing Code with appendices, and the 2007 Edition of the California Mechanical Code with appendices.

BACKGROUND:

At the regular meeting of the City Council held on the 20th day of November, 2007, this Ordinance was introduced and approved for its first reading by the following roll call vote:

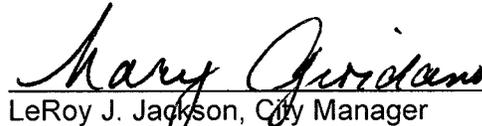
AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:	Barnett, Brewer, Nowatka, Sutherland, Witkowsky, and Mayor Scotto.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:	None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:	None.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:	Drevno.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Herbers, City Clerk

NOTED:


LeRoy J. Jackson, City Manager

Attachment A: Ordinance 3704
B: Ordinance summary

ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, 2, 3, AND 9 OF DIVISION 8 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE. ALL OF WHICH ADOPT OR AMEND THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE VOLUMES 1 AND 2 WITH APPENDICES, THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE WITH APPENDICES, AND THE 2007 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE WITH APPENDICES.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

That Article 1, of Chapter 1, of Division 8 of the Torrance Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and a new Article 1, Chapter 1, Division 8, is added in its entirety to read as follows:

“ARTICLE 1 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

Section 81.1.1 Adoption of California Building Code.

Those certain documents in book form entitled “California Building Code Volumes 1 and 2 with Appendices,” 2007 Edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials and the California Building Standards Commission, not less than one (1) copy each of which have been and are now filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended by this ordinance, are hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance as the Building Code and Standards of the City of Torrance.”

SECTION 2

That Sections 81.2.1, 81.2.3 through 81.2.62 of the Torrance Municipal Code are repealed in their entirety and new Sections 81.2.1 and 81.2.3 through 81.2.49 are added to read in their entirety as follows:

Section 81.2.1 Authority. [Administrative]

A new section 108.3.1.1 is added to the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, to read in its entirety as follows:

“108.3.1.1 Authority. The Building Official shall have the authority to adopt rules and regulations to clarify and interpret the provisions of this ordinance. The Building Official may also approve variations and omissions when such variation or omissions are not detrimental to the life, health, safety, or welfare of the public, and do not violate the intent or purpose of this code.”

Section 81.2.3 DEFINITIONS. [Administrative]

Section 202 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“HIGH RISE BUILDING. As used in this code:

1. “Existing high-rise structure” means a high-rise structure, the construction of which is commenced or completed prior to July 1, 1974.
2. “High-rise structure” means every building of any type of construction or occupancy having floors used for human occupancy located more than 40 feet above the lowest level having building access (see Section 403.1.2), except buildings used as hospitals as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 1250.
3. “New high-rise structure” means a high-rise structure, the construction of which is commenced on or after July 1, 1974.”

Section 81.2.4 Exempted Work. [Geological]

Appendix Chapter 1, Section 105.2 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted and a new section 105.2 is added to read in its entirety as follows:

“105.2 Exempted Work.

A building permit shall not be required for the following:

1. One-story detached accessory buildings used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 60 square feet.
2. Prefabricated one-story detached accessory metal buildings used as tool or storage sheds, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
3. Movable cases, counters and partitions not over five (5) feet nine (9) inches high.
4. Retaining walls which are not over four (4) feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II, or III-A Liquids.
5. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height diameter or width does not exceed two (2) to one (1).
6. Painting, papering and similar finish work.

7. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
8. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall of Group R, Division 3, and Group U Occupancies when projecting not more than 54 inches.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R, Division 3 Occupancy in which the pool walls are entirely above the adjacent grade, and the pool water level is a maximum 12 inches high and does not exceed 5,000 gallons.
10. Signal receiving antennae not more than twenty-four (24) inches in diameter.
11. Fences not over three (3) feet high.
12. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route.

Unless otherwise exempted by the Uniform Building Code, separate plumbing, electrical, and mechanical permits will be required for the above exempted items.

Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.”

Section 81.2.5 Fees. [Administrative]

That Section 108.4.2 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, are deleted in their entirety.

Section 81.2.6 Special Certificate of Occupancy. [Administrative]

Appendix Chapter 1, Section 110.5 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

“110.5.1 Issuance. A Special Certificate of Occupancy may be issued for any building or structure in Groups A to U, inclusive, at the request of any person, firm, corporation owning property, or bona fide prospective purchaser, which the Special Certificate of Occupancy will describe.

110.5.2 Fees. No fee shall be charged for a Special Certificate of Occupancy where such request is made within six (6) months of the final building inspection. All other requests for a Special Certificate of Occupancy shall pay to the City of Torrance, a fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for each type of inspection, prior to the issuance of such certificate.

110.5.3 Waiver. Each applicant for issuance of a Special Certificate of Occupancy shall, prior to the issuance of said certificate, execute a written waiver of liability on forms provided by the Building & Safety Director.”

Section 81.2.7 Fire Ratings Between Similar Occupancies. [Climatic]

Section 508.4 is hereby added to the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, to read in its entirety as follows:

“508.4 Fire Ratings Between Similar Occupancies. Where more than one (1) tenant or owner occupies a building and has the same character of occupancy, such tenants or owners shall be separated by a minimum of one-hour fire resistive construction, continuous from the ground to the roof.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Where all portions of the building, including attics, are protected by an automatic fire extinguishing system in accordance with NFPA Standards.
2. In all Type I buildings.
3. In multi-story buildings, separation walls may terminate at floors provided the floor system is of a one (1) hour minimum fire resistive construction.”

Section 81.2.8 Smoke Detectors in Residential Occupancies. [Climatic]

Section 907.2.10.6 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

“907.2.10.6 Smoke Detectors. When an existing dwelling unit changes ownership, a battery operated or permanently wired smoke detector system shall be installed incident to the change of ownership. The installation of State Fire Marshal approved units shall be certified by the owner or installer that the unit is operating in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Permanently wired units shall require a separate electrical permit. Receipt of this certification by the City shall be deemed as compliance with this regulation.”

Section 81.2.9 Installation Requirements For Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems. [Climatic]

Section 903.1 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“903.1 General. Fire-extinguishing systems required in this code shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of this section.

Fire hose threads used in connection with fire-extinguishing systems shall be national standard hose thread or as approved by the fire department.

In buildings used for high-piled combustible storage, fire protection shall be in accordance with the Fire Code.

Sprinkler shutoff valves on each floor will be required for three story buildings or greater.”

903.1.1 Alternative protection. Alternative automatic fire-extinguishing systems comply with Section 904 shall be permitted in lieu of automatic sprinkler protection where recognized by the applicable standard and approved by the fire code official.

904.1.2.1 Standards. Fire-extinguishing systems shall comply with the Building Code.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Automatic fire-extinguishing systems not covered by the Building Code shall be approved and installed in accordance with approved standards.
2. Automatic sprinkler systems may be connected to the domestic water supply main when approved by the building official, provided the domestic water supply is of adequate pressure, capacity and sizing for the combined domestic and sprinkler requirements. In such case, the sprinkler system connection shall be made between the public water main or meter and the building shutoff valve, and there shall not be intervening valves or connections. The fire department connection may be omitted when approved by the fire official.
3. Automatic sprinkler systems in Group R Occupancies four stories or less may be in accordance with the Building Code requirements for residential sprinkler systems. (See UBC Standard 9-3.)

903.1.3 Modifications. When residential sprinkler systems as set forth in the Building Code are provided, exceptions to, or reductions in, Building Code requirements based on the installation of an automatic fire-extinguishing system are not allowed.

903.1.4 Special Protection Requirements. Residential occupancies protected by an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with California Building Code Standard 9-3 (NFPA 13R) or NPFA 13D shall have automatic sprinklers installed in attached garages and in other areas as required by the chief.

Section 81.2.10 Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems. [Climatic]

Section 903.2 through Section 903.2.10.3 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted and new Sections 903.2 through Section 903.2.10.3 are added to read in its entirety as follows:

903.2 Where required. Approved automatic sprinkler systems in new building and structures shall be provided in the locations described in this section.

Exceptions:

1. Spaces or areas in the telecommunications buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries and standby engines, provided those spaces or areas are equipped throughout with an automatic fire alarm system and are separated from the remainder of the building by fire barriers consisting of not less than 1-hour fire resistance-rated walls and 2-hour fire-resistance-rated floor/ceiling assemblies.
2. [SFM] Automatic fire sprinkler protection for fixed guideway transit systems shall be in accordance the Section 903.2.17.

903.2.1 Group A. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings and portions thereof used as Group occupancies as provided in this section. For Group A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 occupancies, the automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout the floor area where the Group A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 occupancy is located, and in all floors between the Group A occupancy and the level of exit discharge. For Group A-5 occupancies, the automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in the spaces indicated in Section 903.2.1.5.

903.2.1.1 Group A-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-1 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building floor area exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m²).
2. The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more.
3. The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge.
4. The fire area contains a multi-theater complex.

903.2.1.2 Group A-2. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-2 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building floor area exceeds 4,000 square feet (465 m²);
2. The fire area has an occupant load of 100 or more; or
3. The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge.

903.2.1.3 Group A-3. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-3 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building floor area exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m²);
2. The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more.
3. The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge.

Exception: Areas used exclusively as participant sports areas where the main floor is located as the same level as the level of exit discharge of the main entrance and exit.

903.2.1.4 Group A-4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-4 occupancies where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building floor area exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m²);
2. The fire area has an occupant load of 300 or more.
3. The fire area is located on a floor other than the level of exit discharge.

Exception: Areas used exclusively as participant sports areas where the main floor is located as the same level as the level of exit discharge of the main entrance and exit.

903.2.1.5 Group A-5. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group A-5 occupancies in the following areas: concession stands, retail areas, press boxes and other accessory use areas in excess of 1,000 square feet (93 m²).

903.2.2 Group E. Except as provided for in Sections 903.2.2.1 for a new public school campus and 907.2.3.6.1 (fire alarm and detection) for modernization of an existing public school campus building(s), and automatic sprinkler system shall be provided for Group E occupancies as follows:

1. Throughout all Group E fire areas greater than 20,000 square feet (1858 m²) in area.
2. Throughout every portion of educational buildings below the level of exit discharge.

Exception: an automatic sprinkler system is not required in any fire area or area below the level of exit discharge where every classroom throughout the building has at least one exterior exit door at ground level.

3. In rooms or areas with special hazards such as laboratories, vocational shops and other such areas where hazardous materials in exempt amounts are used or stored.

903.2.3 Group F-1. An automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided throughout all buildings containing a Group F-1 occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The building floor area exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m²);
2. Where a Group F-1 fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane; or
3. Where the combined area of all Group F-1 fire areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 24,000 square feet (2230 m²).

903.2.3.1 Woodworking operations. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all Group F-1 occupancy fire areas on all floors including any mezzanines, exceeds 24,000 square feet (2230 m²).

903.2.4 Group H. An automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in high hazard occupancies as required in Section 903.2.4.1 through 903.2.4.3.

903.2.4.1 General. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in Group H occupancies.

903.2.4.2 Group H-5. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout buildings containing Group H-5 occupancies. The design of the sprinkler system shall not be less than that required by this code for the occupancy hazard classifications in accordance with Table 903.2.4.2. Where the design area of the sprinkler system consists of a corridor protected by one row of sprinklers, the maximum number of sprinklers required to be calculated is 13.

**TABLE 903.4.2
GROUP H-5 SPRINKLER DESIGN CRITERIA**

LOCATION	OCCUPANCY HAZARD CLASSIFICATION
Fabrication areas	Ordinary Hazard Group 2
Service Corridors	Ordinary Hazard Group 2
Storage rooms without dispensing	Ordinary Hazard Group 2
Storage rooms with dispensing	Extra Hazard Group 2
Corridors	Ordinary Hazard Group 2

903.2.4.3 Pyroxylin plastics. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in buildings, or portions thereof, where cellulose nitrate film or pyroxylin plastics are manufactured, stored or handled in quantities exceeding 100 pounds (45 kg).

903.2.5 Group I. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout buildings with a Group I fire area.

Exceptions:

1. Those areas exempted by Section 407.5.
2. When not use din accordance with Section 504.2 or 506.3, and automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.1.2 shall be allowed in Group I-1 occupancies.
3. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13113, Group I-1 occupancies housing ambulatory children only, none of whom are mentally ill or mentally retarded, and the building

or portions thereof in which such children are housed are not more than two stories in height and building or portions thereof housing such children shall have an automatic fire alarm system activated by approved smoke detectors.

4. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13113(d), Group I-1 occupancies, or any alterations thereto, located in Type IA construction in existence on March 4, 1972.

An automatic sprinkler system designed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3 shall not be utilized in Group I-1.

903.2.5.1 Group I-3. Every building, or portion thereof, where inmates are restrained shall be protected by an automatic sprinkler system conforming to NFPA 13. The main sprinkler control valve or valves and all other control valves in the system shall be locked in the open position and electrically supervised so that at least an audible and visual alarm will sound at a constantly attended location when valves are closed. The sprinkler branch piping servicing cells may be embedded in the concrete construction.

Exceptions: Sprinklers are not required in cells housing two or fewer inmates and building shall be considered sprinklered throughout when all the following criteria are met:

1. Automatic fire sprinkler shall be mounted outside the cell a minimum of 6 feet (1829 mm) on center and 12 inches (305 mm) from the wall with quick response sprinkler heads. Where spacing permits, the head shall be centered over the cell door opening.
2. The maximum amount of combustibles, excluding linen and clothing, shall be maintained at 3 pounds per minute.
3. For local detention facilities, each individual housing cell shall be provided with a two-way inmate or sound-actuated audio monitoring system for communication directly to the control station serving the cell(s).
4. The provisions of the exception I Section 804.4.2 shall not apply.

903.2.6 Group M. An automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided throughout buildings with a Group I fire area containing Group M occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:

1. Where a Group M building floor area exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m²).

2. Where a Group M fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane; or
3. Where the combined area of all Group M fire areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m²).

903.2.6.1 High-piled storage. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in accordance with the *California Fire Code* in all building of Group M where storage of merchandise is in high-piled or rack storage arrays.

903.2.7 Group R. An automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3 shall be provided throughout all buildings with a Group R fire area.

Exceptions:

1. Detached one- and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three storied above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress, unless specifically required by other sections of this code, or classified as Group R-4.
2. Group U private garages accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy.
3. Group R-3.1 occupancies not housing bedridden clients, not housing non-ambulatory clients above the first floor and not housing clients above the second floor.
4. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13113, occupancies housing ambulatory children only, none of whom are mentally ill or mentally retarded, and the building or portions thereof in which such children are housed are not more than two stories in height, and building or portions thereof housing such children shall have an automatic fire alarm system activated by approved smoke detectors.
5. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13143.6, occupancies licensed for protective social care which house ambulatory clients only, none of whom is a child (under the age of 18 years), or who is elderly (65 years of age or over).

An automatic sprinkler system designed in accordance with Section 903.3.1 shall not be utilized in Group R-4.

903.2.8 Group S-1. An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout all building containing a Group S-1 occupancy where one of the following conditions exists:

1. Where a Group M building floor area exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m²).
2. Where a Group S-1 fire area is located more than three stories above grade plane; or
3. The combined area of all Group S-1 fire areas on all floors, including any mezzanines, exceeds 12,000 square feet (1115 m²).

903.2.8.1 Repair garages. An automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided throughout buildings used as repair garages in accordance with Section 406, as shown:

1. Building two or more storied in height, including basements, with a fire area containing a repair garage exceeding 10,000 square feet (115m²).
2. One-story buildings with a fire area containing a repair garage exceeding 12,000 square feet (1115 m²).
3. Building with a repair garage servicing vehicles parked in the basement.

903.2.8.2 Bulk Storage of tires. Building and structures where the area for the storage of tires exceeds 20,000 cubic feet (566 m³) shall be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1

903.2.9 Group S-2. An automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided throughout buildings classified as enclosed parking garages in accordance with Section 406.4 or where located beneath other groups.

Exception: Enclosed parking garaged located beneath Group R-3 occupancies.

903.2.9.1 Commercial parking garages. An automatic sprinkler shall be provided throughout buildings used for storage of commercial trucks or buses where the fire are exceeds 5,00 square feet (464 m²)

903.2.10 Windowless stories in all occupancies. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in the locations set forth in Section 903.2.10.1 through 903.2.10.1.3.

Exception: Group R-3 and Group U.

903.2.10.2 Stories and Basements without openings. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout every story or basement of

all buildings where the floor area exceeds 1,500 square feet (130.4 m²) and where there is not provided at least one of the following types of exterior wall openings.

1. Opening below grade that lead directly to ground level by an exterior stairway complying with Section 1009 or an outside ramp complying with Section 1010. Openings shall be located in each 50 linear feet (15 240 mm), or fraction thereof, of exterior wall in the story on at least one side.
2. Openings entirely above the adjoining ground level totaling at least 20 square feet (1.86 m²) in each 50 linear feet (15 240 mm), or fraction thereof, of exterior wall in the story on at least one side.

903.2.10.1.1 Opening dimensions and access. Openings shall have a minimum dimension of not less than 30 inches (762 mm). Such openings shall be accessible to the fire department from the exterior and shall not be obstructed in a manner that fire fighting or rescue cannot be accomplished from the exterior.

903.2.10.1.2 Opening on one side only. Where openings in a story are provided on only one side and the opposite wall of such story is more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) from such openings, the story shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler systems, or openings as specified above shall be provided on at least two sides of the story.

903.2.10.1.3 Basements. Where any portion of a basement is located more than 75 feet (22.860 mm) from openings required by Section 903.2.10.1, the basement shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

903.2.10.1.4 Rubbish and linen chutes. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed at the tope of rubbish and linen chutes and in their terminal rooms. Chutes extending throughout three or more floors shall have additional sprinkler head installed within such chutes at alternate floors. Chute sprinklers shall be accessible for servicing.

903.2.10.1.5 Building 40 feet or more in height. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout buildings with a floor level having usable floor are that is located 40 feet or four (4) stories above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

Section 81.2.11 Power Source for Smoke-Control Systems. [Climatic]

Section 909.11 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“909.11 General. The smoke-control system shall be supplied with two sources of power. Primary power shall be the normal building power systems.

Secondary power shall be from an approved standby source complying with the Electrical Code. The standby power source and its transfer switches shall be in a separate room from the normal power transformers and switch-gear and shall be enclosed in a room of not less than one-hour fire-resistive construction, ventilated directly to and from the exterior. Power distribution from the two sources shall be by independent routes.

Transfer to full standby power shall be automatic and within 60 seconds of failure of the primary power. The systems shall comply with the Electrical Code.

EXCEPTION: The secondary power is not required for pressurized enclosures in buildings of less than 5 floors used for human occupancy.

Section 81.2.12 Stairs in Smokeproof Enclosures. [Climatic]

Section 909.20.2.5 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby added to read as follows:

“909.20.2.5 Stairs. Stairs in smokeproof enclosures shall be of noncombustible construction.”

Section 81.2.13 Stairway to Roof. [Climatic]

Section 1009.11 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted and a new section 1009.11 is added to read in its entirety as follows:

“1009.11 Stairway to Roof. In every building four or more stories in height all required stairways shall extend to the roof surface, unless the roof has a slope greater than four in twelve. The exit doors at the roof shall be locked at all times and shall not comply to Section 1003.3.1.8. Locking mechanisms shall have the capacity of being unlocked simultaneously without unlatching upon a signal from the central control station or the fire and sprinkler alarm system if a central control system is not required. Upon failure of electrical power, the locking mechanisms shall be retracted to the unlocked position.”

Section 81.2.14 Smoke Proof Enclosures [Climatic]

Sections 1020.1.7.3 and 1020.1.7.4 of the California Building Code, 2007 edition are hereby added to read in their entirety as follows:

“1020.1.7.3 Fire Department Access. When the fire department access as defined in Section 902.2.1 of the Uniform Fire Code is restricted, special approved fire protection systems shall be provided as required and approved by the Fire Chief.

1020.1.7.4 Building Owners Responsibility. The building engineer shall test all the equipment referred to in these requirements at least once every thirty (30) days and maintain a log attesting to the results. The log shall be available for inspection by the Building Official and the Fire Chief.”

Section 81.2.15 Roof Drainage Water. [Climatic]

Section 1503.4.2 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety, as follows:

“10503.4.2 Over Public Property. Unless otherwise approved by the Building Official, roof drainage water from a building shall be conducted from the roof by gutters to downspouts or roof drains by conduit underground to the street, or other approved drainage way.

EXCEPTION: Groups R, Division 3 and U Occupancies”

Section 81.2.16 Minimum Slope of Built-Up Roofs [Climatic]

Section 1507.10.1 the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

1507.10.1 Slope. Built-up shall have a design slope of a minimum of one-fourth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2percent slope) for drainage.

Section 81.2.17 Flexible Diaphragm [Geological]

Section 1613.6.1 of the 2007 California Building Code is amended to read as follows:

1613.6.1 Assumption of flexible diaphragm. Add the following text at the end of Section 12.3.1.1 of ASCE 7:

Diaphragms constructed of wood structural panels or untopped steel decking shall also be permitted to be idealized as flexible, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. Toppings of concrete or similar materials are not placed over wood structural panel diaphragms except for nonstructural toppings no greater than 1 ½ inches (38 mm) thick.
2. Each line of vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system complies with the allowable story drift of Table 12.12-1.
3. Vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system are light-framed walls sheathed with wood structural panels rated for shear resistance or steel sheets.
4. Portions of wood structural panel diaphragms that cantilever beyond the vertical elements of the lateral-force-resisting system are designed in accordance with Section 2305.2.5 of the *California Building Code*.

Exception: In lieu of Section 2305.2.5, flexible diaphragm assumption is permitted to be used for buildings up to two stories in height provided

cantilevered diaphragms supporting lateral-force-resisting elements from above does not exceed 15 percent of the distance between lines of lateral-force-resisting elements from which the diaphragm cantilevers nor one-fourth the diaphragm width perpendicular to the overhang.

Section 81.2.18 Modification to ASCE 7 [Geological]

Section 1614 is added to Chapter 16 of the 2007 California Building Code to read as follows:

1614 Modification to ASCE 7

1614.1 General. The text of ASCE 7 shall be modified as indicated in this Section.

1614.1.1 Modify ASCE 7 Section 12.2.3.1 Exception 3 to read as follows:

3. Detached one and two family dwellings up to two stories in height of light frame construction.

1614.1.2 Modify ASCE 7 Section 12.3.1.1 to read as follows:

12.3.1.1 Flexible Diaphragm Condition. Diaphragm constructed of untopped steel decking or wood structural panels are permitted to be idealized as flexible in structures in which the vertical elements are steel or composite steel and concrete braced frames, or concrete, masonry, steel, or composite shear walls. Diaphragms of wood structural panels or untopped steel decks in one- and two-family residential buildings of light-frame construction shall also be permitted to be idealized as flexible.

Flexible diaphragm assumption is permitted to be used for buildings up to two stories in height provided cantilevered diaphragms supporting lateral-force-resisting elements from above does not exceed 15 percent of the distance between lines of lateral-force-resisting elements from which the diaphragm cantilevers nor one-fourth the diaphragm width perpendicular to the overhang.

1614.1.3 Modify ASCE 7 Section 12.8.1.1 by amending Equation 12.8-5 as follows:

$$C_s = 0.044 S_{DS} I = 0.01 \quad (\text{Eq. 12.8-5})$$

1614.1.4 Modify ASCE 7 Table 12.8-2 by adding the following:

Structure Type	C_t	x
Eccentrically braced steel frames and buckling-restrained braced frames	0.03 (0.0731) ^a	0.75

1614.1.5 Modify ASCE 7 Section 12.8.7 by amending Equation 12.8-16 as follows:

$$\theta = \frac{P_x \Delta I}{V_x h_{sx} C_d}$$

(12.8-16)

1614.1.6 Modify ASCE 7 Section 12.11.2.2.3 to read as follows:

12.11.2.2.3 Wood Diaphragms. In wood diaphragms, the continuous ties shall be in addition to the diaphragm sheathing. Anchorage shall not be accomplished by use of toe nails or nails subject to withdrawal nor shall wood ledgers or framing be used in cross-grain bending or cross-grain tension. The diaphragm sheathing shall not be considered effective as providing ties or struts required by this section.

For wood diaphragms supporting concrete or masonry walls, wood diaphragms shall comply with the following:

1. The spacing of continuous ties shall not exceed 40 feet. Added chords of diaphragms may be used to form subdiaphragms to transmit the anchorage forces to the main continuous crossties.
2. The maximum diaphragm shear used to determine the depth of the subdiaphragm shall not exceed 75% of the maximum diaphragm shear.

1614.1.7 Replace ASCE 7 Section 12.12.3 as follows:

12.12.3 Minimum Building Separation. All structures shall be separated from adjoining structures. Separations shall allow for the maximum inelastic response displacement (Δ_M). Δ_M shall be determined at critical locations with consideration for both translational and torsional displacements of the structure as follows:

$$\Delta_M = C_d \delta_{\max} \quad (\text{Equation 16-45})$$

where δ_{\max} is the calculated maximum displacement at Level x as define in ASCE 7 Section 12.8.4.3.

Adjacent buildings on the same property shall be separated by at least a distance Δ_{MT} , where

$$\Delta_{MT} = \sqrt{(\Delta_{M1})^2 + (\Delta_{M2})^2} \quad (\text{Equation 16-46})$$

and Δ_{M1} and Δ_{M2} are the maximum inelastic response displacements of the adjacent buildings.

Where a structure adjoins a property line not common to a public way, the structure shall also be set back from the property line by at least the displacement, Δ_M , of that structure.

Exception: Smaller separations or property line setbacks shall be permitted when justified by rational analysis.

1614.1.8 Modify ASCE 7 Section 12.12.4 to read as follows:

12.12.4 Deformation Compatibility for Seismic Design Category D through F. For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E, or F, every structural component not included in the seismic force-resisting system in the direction under consideration shall be designed to be adequate for the gravity load effects and the seismic forces resulting from displacement to the design story drift (Δ) as determined in accordance with Section 12.8.6 (see also Section 12.12.1).

Exception: Reinforced concrete frame members not designed as part of the seismic force-resisting system shall comply with Section 21.9 of ACI 318.

Where determining the moments and shears induced in components that are not included in the seismic force-resisting system in the direction under consideration, the stiffening effects of adjoining rigid structural and nonstructural elements shall be considered and a rational value of member and restraint stiffness shall be used.

When designing the diaphragm to comply with the requirements stated above, the return walls and fins/canopies at entrances shall be considered. Seismic compatibility with the diaphragm shall be provided by either seismically isolating the element or by attaching the element and integrating its load into the diaphragm.

Section 81.2.19 Earthquake Regulations. [Geological]

Section 1637 of the California Building Code, 2001 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety, as follows:

“Section 1637 Seismic Safety Element. The Seismic Safety Element of the Torrance Comprehensive General Plan shall be reviewed to determine if any

additional provisions for earthquake resistant design will be required. The Building Official shall decide if an additional seismic design condition will be included in the structural design.”

Section 81.2.20 Special Inspection. [Administrative]

Section 1704.1, 1704.4 and 1704.8 of the 2007 California Building Code are amended to read as follows:

1704.1 General. Where application is made for construction as described in this section, the owner or the registered design professional in responsible charge acting as the owner’s agent shall employ one or more special inspectors to provide inspections during construction on the types of work listed under Section 1704. The special inspector shall be a qualified person who shall demonstrate competence, to the satisfaction of the building official, for inspection of the particular type of construction or operation requiring special inspection. These inspections are in addition to the inspections specified in Section 109, Appendix Chapter 1.

Exceptions:

1. Special inspections are not required for work of a minor nature or as warranted by conditions in the jurisdiction as approved by the building official.
2. Special inspections are not required for building components unless the design involves the practice of professional engineering or architecture as defined by applicable state statutes and regulations governing the professional registration and certification of engineers or architects.
3. [HCD 1} The provisions of Health and Safety Code Division 13, Part 6 and the California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, commencing with Section 3000, shall apply to the construction and inspection of factory-built housing as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 19971.

1704.4 Concrete Construction. The special inspections and verifications for concrete construction shall be as required by this section and Table 1704.4.

Exceptions: Special inspection shall not be required for:

1. Isolated spread concrete footings of buildings three stories or less in height that are fully supported on earth or rock, where the structural design of the footing is based on a specified compressive strength, f'_c , no greater than 2,500 pounds per square inch (psi) (17.2 Mpa).

2. Continuous concrete footings supporting walls of buildings three stories or less in height that are fully supported on earth or rock where:
 - 2.1. The footings support walls of light-frame construction;
 - 2.2. The footings are designed in accordance with Table 1805.4.2; or
 - 2.3. The structural design of the footing is based on a specified compressive strength, f'_c , no greater than 2,500 pounds per square inch (psi) (17.2 Mpa), regardless of the compressive strength specified in the construction documents or used in the footing construction.
3. Nonstructural concrete slabs supported directly on the ground, including prestressed slabs on grade, where the effective prestress in the concrete is less than 150 psi (1.03 Mpa).
4. Concrete patios, driveways and sidewalks, on grade.

1704.8 Pile foundation and connecting grade beams. Special inspections shall be performed during installation and testing of pile foundations as required by Table 1704.8. The approved soils report, required by Section 1802.2, and the documents prepared by the registered design professional in responsible charge shall be used to determine compliance. *Special inspections for connecting grade beams shall be in accordance with Section 1704.4.*

Section 81.2.21 Structural Observation [Administrative]

Section 1709.1 and 1709.2 of the 2007 California Building Code is amended to read as follows:

1709.1 General. Where required by the provisions of Section 1709.2 or 1709.3 the owner shall employ the registered design professional in responsible charge for the structural design, or another registered design professional designated by the registered design professional in responsible charge for the structural design to perform structural observations as defined in Section 1702.

The owner or owner's representative shall coordinate and call a preconstruction meeting between the registered design professional in responsible charge for the structural design, structural observer, contractor, affected subcontractors and special inspectors. The structural observer shall preside over the meeting. The purpose of the meeting shall be to identify the major structural elements and connections that affect the vertical and lateral load resisting systems of the structure and to review scheduling of the required observations. A record of the meeting shall be included in the report submitted to the building official.

Observed deficiencies shall be reported in writing to the owner's representative, special inspector, contractor and the building official. Upon the form prescribed by the building official, the structural observer shall submit to the building official a written statement at each significant construction stage stating that the site visits have been made and identifying any reported deficiencies which, to the best of the structural observer's knowledge, have not been resolved. A final report by the structural observer which states that all observed deficiencies have been resolved is required before acceptance of the work by the building official.

1709.2 Structural observations for seismic resistance. Structural observations shall be provided for those structures included in Seismic Design Category D, E or F, as determined in Section 1613, where one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. The structure is classified as Occupancy Category III or IV in accordance with Section 1604.5.
2. The height of the structure is greater than 75 feet (22860 mm) above the base.
3. The structure is classified as Occupancy Category I or II in accordance with Section 1604.5 and a lateral design is required for the structure or portion thereof.

Exception: One-story wood framed Group R-3 and Group U Occupancies less than 2000 square feet in area, provided the adjacent grade is not steeper than 1 unit vertical in 10 units horizontal (10% sloped), assigned to Seismic Design Category D.

4. When so designated by the registered design professional in responsible charge of the design.
5. When such observation is specifically required by the building official.

Section 81.2.22 Foundation Investigation. [Geological]

Section 1804 of the California Building Code, 2001 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section 1804 added to read in its entirety, as follows:

“1804.1 General. The classification and investigation of soil at each building site, except if waived by the Building Official, shall be determined by a soils engineer, or by an engineering geologist licensed by the State of California and approved by the Building Official.

1804.2 Investigation. The classification shall be based on observation and any necessary tests of the materials disclosed by borings or excavations made in

appropriate locations. The soils engineer or engineering geologist shall evaluate bearing capacity, compressibility, or other pertinent characteristics of the foundation materials. The investigation shall include a consideration of the effect of moisture variation on soil bearing capacity, compressibility, and expansiveness.

1804.3 Reports. The soil classification and design bearing capacity shall be shown on the plans, unless the foundation conforms to Table 18-I-C, the Building Official may require submission of a written report of the investigation which shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

1. A plot showing the location of all test borings and/or excavations.
2. Descriptions and classifications of the materials encountered.
3. Elevation of the water table, if encountered.
4. Recommendations for foundation type and design criteria, including bearing capacity, provisions to minimize the effect of expansive soils, and the effects of adjacent loads.
5. Expected total and differential settlement.

1804.4 Expansive Soils. When expansive soils are present, the Building Official shall require that special provisions be made in the foundation, design, construction, and landscaping to safeguard against damage due to this expansiveness. The Building Official shall require a special investigation and report to provide this design and construction criteria. However, the design and construction shall not be less than the following:

1. **MINIMUM FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BEARING WALLS LOCATED IN EXPANSIVE SOIL**

Number of Stories	Thickness of Foundation Wall (Inches)		Width of Footing (Inches)	Thickness of Footing (Inches)	Depth of Foundation Below Natural Grade (Inches)
	Concrete	Unit Masonry			
1	6	6	14	6	18
2	8	8	16	8	20
3	10	10	18	10	24

2. **MINIMUM FOOTINGS AND FOUNDATION WALL REQUIREMENTS**

Footings and foundation walls when located on expansive soil shall be of concrete poured integrally and continuous under all exterior and interior bearing walls. Footings and foundation walls shall be reinforced continuously top and bottom. Footings and foundation walls for one-story buildings shall have a minimum of two (2) one-half (1/2) inch diameter steel bar. Footings and foundation walls for two story and three story buildings and over shall have a minimum of two (2) five-eighths (5/8) inch diameter steel bars. All access openings through foundation walls shall be provided with additional concrete and steel below access openings. Crawl holes through interior foundation walls shall be not closer than ten (10) feet to any intersecting exterior wall. Footings below any such crawl hole shall be dropped to provide a reinforced concrete beam section with a depth of at least twelve (12) inches between reinforcing rods. Foundation walls supporting wood shall extend six (6) inches above the finish grade adjacent to the wall at all points.

3. MINIMUM SLAB FLOOR REQUIREMENTS

Concrete slab floors for all new buildings used for living purposes shall be no less than six (6) inches above the adjacent finish grade. Slab floors on additions to an existing slab floor used for living purposes may be the same elevation as the existing slab floor as long as a drainage clearance is maintained between the finish floor and finish grade. All slab floors used for living purposes shall be reinforced with six by six (6 x 6) number ten (10) wire mesh.

1804.5 Liquefaction Potential and Soil Strength Loss. When required by Section 1804.2, the potential for soil liquefaction and soil strength loss during earthquakes shall be evaluated during the geotechnical investigation. The geotechnical report shall assess potential consequences of any liquefaction and soil strength loss, including estimation of differential settlement, lateral movement or reduction in foundation soil-bearing capacity, and discuss mitigating measures. Such measures shall be given consideration in the design of the building and may include, but are not limited to, ground stabilization, selection of appropriate foundation type and depths, selection of appropriate structural systems to accommodate anticipated displacements, or any combination of these measures.

The potential for liquefaction and soil strength loss shall be evaluated for a site peak ground acceleration that, as a minimum, conforms to the probability of exceedance specified in Section 1632.2. Peak ground acceleration may be determined based on a site-specific study taking into account soil amplification effects. In the absence of such a study, peak ground acceleration may be assumed equal to the seismic zone factor in Table 16-1.

1804.6 Adjacent loads. Where footings are placed at varying elevations, the effect of adjacent loads shall be included in the foundation design.

1804.7 Drainage. Provisions shall be made for the control and drainage of surface water around buildings. (See also Section 1806.5.5)

1804.8 Exemptions. The foregoing provisions of this section may be waived by the Building Official for the following structures:

1. Minor Buildings or Structures.
2. Type V buildings except where expansive soils or materials of highly different bearing capacities are present.
3. Type II-N buildings under 2,000 square feet in area.”

Section 81.2.23 Modifications to ACI-318. [Geological]

Section 1908.1.15 is amended to read as shown below and Section 1908.1.17 through 1908.1.21 added to the 2007 California Building Code to read as follows:

1908.1.15 ACI 318, Section 22.10. Delete ACI 318, Section 22.10, and replace with the following:

22.10 – Plain concrete in structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F.

22.10.1 – Structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F shall not have elements of structural plain concrete, except as follows:

1. Concrete used for fill with a minimum cement content of two (2) sacks of Portland cement per cubic yard.
2. Isolated footings of plain concrete supporting pedestals or columns are permitted, provided the projection of the footing beyond the face of the supported member does not exceed the footing thickness.
3. Plain concrete footings supporting walls are permitted provided the footings have at least two continuous longitudinal reinforcing bars. Bars shall not be smaller than No. 4 and shall have a total area of not less than 0.002 times the gross cross-sectional area of the footing. A minimum of one bar shall be provided at the top and bottom of the footing. Continuity of reinforcement shall be provided at corners and intersections.
4. In detached one- and two-family dwellings three stories or less in height and constructed with stud-bearing walls, plain concrete footings with at least two continuous longitudinal reinforcing bars not smaller than No. 4 are permitted to have a total area of less than 0.002 times the gross cross-sectional area of the footing.”

1908.1.17 ACI 318, Section 14.8. Modify ACI 318 Section 14.8.3 and 14.8.4 replacing equation (14-7), (14-8) and (14-9).

1. Modify equation (14-7) of ACI 318 Section 14.8.3 as follows:

I_{cr} shall be calculated by Equation (14-7), and M_a shall be obtained by iteration of deflections.

$$I_{cr} = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \left(A_s + \frac{P_u}{f_y} \frac{h}{2d} \right) (d - c)^2 + \frac{I_w c^3}{3} \quad (14-7)$$

and the value E_s/E_c shall not be taken less than 6.

2. Modify ACI 318 Sec, 14.8.4 as follows:

14.8.4 – Maximum out-of-plane deflection, Δ_s , due to service loads, including $P\Delta$ effects, shall not exceed $l/150$.

If M_a , maximum moment at mid-height of wall due to service lateral and eccentric loads, including $P\Delta$ effects, exceed $(2/3) M_{cr}$, Δ_s shall be calculated by Equation (14-8):

$$\Delta_s = \frac{2}{3} \Delta_{cr} + \frac{M_a - \frac{2}{3} M_{cr}}{M_n - \frac{2}{3} M_{cr}} \left(\Delta_n - \frac{2}{3} \Delta_{cr} \right) \quad (14-8)$$

If M_a does not exceed $(2/3) M_{cr}$, Δ_s shall be calculated by Equation (14-9):

$$\Delta_s = \left(\frac{M_a}{M_{cr}} \right) \Delta_{cr} \quad (14-9)$$

where:

$$\Delta_{cr} = \frac{5 M_{cr} l_c^2}{48 E_c I_g}$$

$$\Delta_n = \frac{5 M_n l_c^2}{48 E_c I_{cr}}$$

1908.1.18 ACI 318, Section 21.4.4.1. Modify ACI 318 Section 21.4.4.1 as follows:

Where the calculated point of contraflexure is not within the middle half of the member clear height, provide transverse reinforcement as specified in ACI 318 Sections 21.4.4.1, Items (a) through (c), over the full height of the member.

1908.1.19 ACI 318, Section 21.4.4. Modify ACI 318 by adding Section 21.4.4.7 as follows:

21.4.4.7 – At any section where the design strength, ϕP_n , of the column is less than the sum of the shears V_e computed in accordance with ACI 318 Sections 21.3.4.1 and 21.4.5.1 for all the beams framing into the column above the level under consideration, transverse reinforcement as specified in ACI 318 Sections 21.4.4.1 through 21.4.4.3 shall be provided. For beams framing into opposite sides of the column, the moment components may be assumed to be of opposite sign. For the determination of the design strength, ϕP_n , of the column, these moments may be assumed to result from the deformation of the frame in any one principal axis.

1908.1.20 ACI 318, Section 21.7.4. Modify ACI 318 by adding Section 21.7.4.6 as follows:

21.7.4.6 – Walls and portions of walls with $P_u > 0.35P_o$ shall not be considered to contribute to the calculated strength of the structure for resisting earthquake-induced forces. Such walls shall conform to the requirements of Section 1631.2, Item 4 ACI 318 Section 21.11.

1908.1.21 ACI 318, Section 21.9.4. Modify ACI 318 section 21.9.4 by adding the following:

Collector and boundary elements in topping slabs placed over precast floor and roof elements shall not be less than 3 inches (76 mm) or $6 d_b$ thick, where d_b is the diameter of the largest reinforcement in the topping slab.

Section 81.2.24 Modifications to AISC-341. [Geological]

Section 2205.4 is added to Chapter 22 of the 2007 California Building Code to read as follows:

2205.4 Modifications to AISC 341.

2205.4.1 Part I, Structural Steel Building Provisions Modifications.

2205.4.1.1 Part I, Section 13, Special Concentrically Braced Frames (SCBF) Modifications.

2205.4.1.1.1 AISC 341, Part I, 13, Members.

AISC 341, 13.2f – Member Types

The use of rectangular HSS are not permitted for bracing members, unless filled solid with cement grout having a minimum compressive strength of 3000 psi (20.7 MPa) at 28 days. The effects of composite action in the filled composite brace shall be considered in the sectional properties of the system where it results in the more severe loading condition or detailing.

Section 81.2.25 Wood Foundation Systems. [Geological]

Chapter 18, Division II of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 81.2.26 Rigid Diaphragms. [Geological]

Section 2305.2.5 of the 2007 California Building Code is amended to read as follows:

“2305.2.5 Rigid Diaphragms. Design of structures with rigid diaphragms shall conform to the structure configuration requirements of Section 12.3.2 of ASCE 7 and the horizontal shear distribution requirements of Section 12.8.4 of ASCE 7.

Wood structural panel diaphragms shall not be considered as transmitting lateral forces by rotation.

Rigid wood diaphragms are permitted to cantilever past the outermost supporting shear wall (or other vertical resisting element) a length, l , of not more than 25 feet (7620 mm) or two-thirds of the diaphragm width, w , whichever is smaller. Figure 2305.2.5(2) illustrates the dimensions of l and w for a cantilevered diaphragm.

Section 81.2.27 Hold-down Connectors. [Geological]

Section 2305.3.7.1 is added to Chapter 23 of the 2007 California Building Code to read as follows:

2305.3.7.1 Hold-down connectors. Hold-down connectors shall be designed to resist shear wall overturning moments using approved cyclic load values or 75 percent of the allowable earthquake load values that do not consider cyclic loading of the product. Connector bolts into wood framing require steel plate washers on the post on the opposite side of the

provided the panel joints and lumber planking or laminated decking joints do not coincide.

Section 81.2.30 Allowable Shear for Wood Shear Walls

Table 2306.4.1 hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Table 2306.4.1 is added to read as follows:

TABLE 2306.4.1

ALLOWABLE SHEAR (POUNDS PER FOOT) FOR WOOD STRUCTURAL PANEL SHEAR WALLS WITH

FRAMING OF DOUGLAS FIR-LARCH OR SOUTHERN PINE^a FOR WIND OR SEISMIC LOADING^{b, h, i, j, k, l, m}

PANEL GRADE	MINIMUM NOMINAL PANEL THICKNESS (inch)	MINIMUM FASTENER PENETRATION IN FRAMING (inches)	ALLOWABLE SHEAR VALUE FOR SEISMIC FORCES PANELS APPLIED DIRECTLY TO FRAMING			ALLOWABLE SHEAR VALUE FOR WIND FORCES PANELS APPLIED DIRECTLY TO FRAMING					
			NAIL (common or galvanized box)			NAIL (common) or staple size					
			Fastener spacing at panel edges (inches)			Fastener spacing at panel edges (inches)					
			6	4	3	2 ^e	6	4	3	2 ^e	
Structural I Sheathing	3/8	1-3/8	8d (2½"x0.131" common)	200	200	200	200	230 ^d	360 ^d	460 ^d	610 ^d
	7/16	1-3/8	8d (2½"x0.131" common)	255	395	505	670	255 ^d	395 ^d	505 ^d	670 ^d
	15/32	1-3/8	8d (2½"x0.131" common)	280	430	550	730	280	430	550	730
		1-1/2	10d (3"x0.148" common)	340	510	665 ^f	870	340	510	665 ^f	870
Sheathing, plywood siding ^g Except Group 5 Species	3/8	1-1/4	6d (2"x0.113" common)	200	200	200	200	200	300	390	510
	7/16	1-3/8	8d (2½"x0.131" common)	200	200	200	200	220 ^d	320 ^d	410 ^d	530 ^d
		1-3/8	8d (2½"x0.131" common)	240	350	450	585	240 ^d	350 ^d	450 ^d	585 ^d
	15/32	1-3/8	8d (2½"x0.131" common)	260	380	490	640	260	380	490	640
1-1/2		10d (3"x0.148" common)	310	460	600 ^f	770	310	460	600 ^f	770	
19/32	1-1/2	10d (3"x0.148" common)	340	510	665 ^f	870	340	510	665 ^f	870	
			Nail Size (galvanized casing)								
3/8	1-3/8	8d (2½"x0.113")	160	200	200	200	160	240	310	410	

Notes to Table 2306.4.1

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound per foot = 14.5939 N/m.

- a. For framing of other species: (1) Find specific gravity for species of lumber in AF&PA NDS. (2) For staples find shear value from table above for Structural I panel (regardless of actual grade) and multiply value by 0.82 for species with specific gravity of 0.42 or greater, or 0.65 for all other species. (3) For nails find shear value from table above for nail size for actual grade and multiply value by the following adjustment factor: Specific Gravity Adjustment Factor = $[1-(0.5-SG)]$, where SG = Specific Gravity of the framing lumber. This adjustment factor shall not be greater than 1.
- b. Panel edges backed with 2-inch nominal or wider framing. Install panels either horizontally or vertically. Space fasteners maximum 6 inches on center along intermediate framing members for 3/8-inch and 7/16-inch panels installed on studs spaced 24 inches on center. For other conditions and panel thickness, space fasteners maximum 12 inches on center on intermediate supports.
- c. 3/8-inch panel thickness or siding with a span rating of 16 inches on center is the minimum recommended where applied direct to framing as exterior siding.
- d. Allowable shear values are permitted to be increased to values shown for 15/32-inch sheathing with same nailing provided (a) studs are spaced a maximum of 16 inches on center, or (b) panels are applied with long dimension across studs.
- e. Framing at adjoining panel edges shall be 3 inches nominal or wider, and nails shall be staggered where nails are spaced 2 inches on center.
- f. Framing at adjoining panel edges shall be 3 inches nominal or wider, and nails shall be staggered where both of the following conditions are met: (1) 10d (3"x0.148") nails having penetration into framing of more than 1-1/2 inches and (2) nails are spaced 3 inches on center.
- g. Values apply to all-veneer plywood. Thickness at point of fastening on panel edges governs shear values.
- h. Where panels applied on both faces of a wall and nail spacing is less than 6 inches o.c. on either side, panel joints shall be offset to fall on different framing members, or framing shall be 3-inch nominal or thicker at adjoining panel edges and nails on each side shall be staggered.
- i. In Seismic Design Category D, E or F, where shear design values exceed 350 pounds per linear foot, all framing members receiving edge nailing from abutting panels shall not be less than a single 3-inch nominal member, or two 2-inch nominal members fastened together in accordance with Section 2306.1 to transfer the design shear value between framing members. Wood structural panel joint and sill plate nailing shall be staggered in all cases. See Section 2305.3.11 for sill plate size and anchorage requirements.
- j. Galvanized nails shall be hot dipped or tumbled.
- k. For shear loads of normal or permanent load duration as defined by the AF&PA NDS, the values in the table above shall be multiplied by 0.63 or 0.56, respectively.
- l. [DSA-SS & OSHPD 1, 2 and 4] Refer to Section 2305.2.4.2, which requires any wood structural panel sheathing used for diaphragms and shear walls that are part of the seismic-force-resisting system to be applied directly to framing members.
- m. The maximum allowable shear value for three-ply plywood resisting forces is 200 pounds per foot (2.92 kn/m).

Section 81.2.31 Lath, Plaster or Gypsum Shear Walls. [Geological]

Section 2306.4.5 of the 2007 California Building Code is amended to read as follows:

2306.4.5 Shear walls sheathed with other materials. Shear wall capacities for walls sheathed with lath, plaster or gypsum board shall be in accordance with Table 2306.4.5. Shear walls sheathed with lath, plaster or gypsum board shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter 25 and Section 2306.4.5.1. Walls resisting seismic loads shall be subject to the limitations in Section 12.2.1 of ASCE 7. The allowable shear values shown in Table 2306.4.5 for material in Category 1 is limited to 90 pound per foot (1.31 kN/m); materials in Category 2 thru 4 are limited to 30 pound per foot (438 N/m). Shear walls sheathed with lath, plaster or gypsum board shall not be used below the top level in a multi-level building.

Section 81.2.32 Allowable Values for Lath, Plaster or Gypsum Shear Walls. [Geological]

Table 2306.4.5 of the 2007 California Building Code is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Table 2306.4.5 is added to read as follows:

**TABLE 2306.4.5
ALLOWABLE SHEAR FOR WIND OR SEISMIC FORCES FOR SHEAR WALLS OF LATH
AND PLASTER OR GYPSUM BOARD WOOD FRAMED WALL ASSEMBLIES**

TYPE OF MATERIAL	THICKNESS OF MATERIAL	WALL CONSTRUCTION	FASTENER SPACING ^b MAXIMUM (inches)	SHEAR VALUE ^{a,c} (plf)		MINIMUM FASTENER SIZE ^{e,d,j,k,l}
				Seismic ⁱ	Wind	
1. Expanded metal, or woven wire lath and portland cement plaster	7/8"	Unblocked	6	90	180	No. 11 gage, 1-1/2" long, 7/16" head 16 Ga. Galv. Staple, 7/8" legs
2. Gypsum lath, plain or perforated	3/8" lath and 1/2" plaster	Unblocked	5	30	100	No. 13 gage, 1-1/8" long, 19/64" head, plasterboard nail 16 Ga. Galv. Staple, 1-1/8" long 0.120" Nail, min. 3/8" head, 1-1/4" long
3. Gypsum sheathing	1/2" x 2' x 8'	Unblocked	4	30	75	No. 11 gage, 1-3/4" long, 7/16" head, diamond-point, galvanized 16 Ga. Galv. Staple, 1-3/4" long
	1/2" x 4'	Blocked ^f	4	30	175	
		Unblocked	7	30	100	
	5/8" x 4'	Blocked	4" edge/ 7" field	30	200	6d galvanized 0.120" Nail, min. 3/8" head, 1-3/4" long
4. Gypsum board, gypsum veneer base or water-resistant gypsum backing board	1/2"	Unblocked ^f	7	30	75	5d cooler (1-5/8" lx 0.086") or wallboard 0.120" Nail, min. 3/8" head, 1-1/2" long 16 Gage Staple, 1-1/2" long
		Unblocked ^f	4	30	110	
		Unblocked	7	30	100	
		Unblocked	4	30	125	
		Blocked ^g	7	30	125	
		Blocked ^g	4	30	150	
		Unblocked	8/12 ^h	30	60	No. 6- 1-1/4" screws ^l
		Blocked ^g	4/16 ^h	30	160	
		Blocked ^g	4/12 ^h	30	155	
		Blocked ^{f, g}	8/12 ^h	30	70	
	Blocked ^g	6/12 ^h	30	90		
	5/8"	Unblocked ^f	7	30	115	6d cooler (1-7/8" x 0.092") or wallboard 1-3/4" x 0.120" Nail, min. 3/8" head, 1-3/4" long 16 Gage Staple, 1-1/2" legs, 1-5/8" long
			4	30	145	
		Blocked ^g	7	30	145	
			4	30	175	
Blocked ^g Two ply		Base ply: 9 Face ply: 7	30	250	Base ply-6d cooler (1-7/8" x 0.092") or wallboard 1-3/4" x 0.120" Nail, min. 3/8" head 1-5/8" 16 Ga. Galv. Staple Face ply-8d cooler (2-3/8" x 0.113") or wallboard 0.120" Nail, min. 3/8" head, 2-3/8" long 15 Ga. Galv. Staple, 2-1/4" long	
Unblocked	8/12 ^h	30	70	No. 6- 1-1/4" screws ^l		
	Blocked ^g	8/12 ^h	30	90		

Notes to Table 2306.4.5

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 25.4 mm, 1 pound per foot = 14.5939 N/m.

- a. These shear walls shall not be used to resist loads imposed by masonry or concrete construction (see Section 2305.1.5). Values shown are for short-term loading due to wind or seismic loading. Walls resisting seismic loads shall be subject to the limitations in Section 12.2.1 of ASCE 7. Values shown shall be reduced 25 percent for normal loading.
- b. Applies to fastening at studs, top and bottom plates and blocking.
- c. Alternate fasteners are permitted to be used if their dimensions are not less than the specified dimensions. Drywall screws are permitted to substitute for the 5d (1-5/8" x 0.086"), and 6d (1-7/8" x 0.092")(cooler) nails listed above, and No. 6 1-1/4 inch Type S or W screws for 6d (1-7/8" x 0.092")(cooler) nails.
- d. For properties of cooler nails, see ASTM C 514.
- e. Except as noted, shear values are based on maximum framing spacing of 16 inches on center.
- f. Maximum framing spacing of 24 inches on center.
- g. All edges are blocked, and edge fastening is provided at all supports and all panel edges.
- h. First number denotes fastener spacing at the edges; second number denotes fastener spacing at intermediate framing members.
- i. Screws are Type W or S.
- j. Staples shall have a minimum crown width of 7/16 inch, measure outside the legs, and shall be installed with their crowns parallel to the long dimension of the framing members.
- k. Staples for the attachment of gypsum lath and woven-wire lath shall have a minimum crown width of 3/4 inch, measured outside the legs.
- l. This construction shall not be used below the top level of wood construction in a multi-level building."

Section 81.2.33 Conventional Light Frame Construction. [Geological]

Section 2308 of the 2007 California Building Code is amended to read as follows:

“2308.3.4 Braced wall line support. Braced wall lines shall be supported by continuous foundations.

2308.12.1 Number of stories. Structures of conventional light-frame construction shall not exceed one story in height in Seismic Design Category D or E.

2308.12.2 Concrete or masonry. Concrete or masonry walls or masonry veneer shall not extend above the basement.

Exception: Masonry veneer is permitted to be used in the first story above grade plane in Seismic Design Category D, provided the following criteria are met:

1. Type of brace in accordance with Section 2308.9.3 shall be Method 3 and the allowable shear capacity in accordance with Table 2306.4.1 shall be a minimum of 350 plf (5108 N/m).
2. The bracing of the first story shall be located at each end and at least every 25 feet (7620 mm) o.c. but not less than 45 percent of the braced wall line.
3. Hold-down connectors shall be provided at the ends of braced walls for the first floor to foundation with an allowable design of 2,100 pounds (9341 N).
4. Cripple walls shall not be permitted.
5. Anchored masonry and stone wall veneer shall not exceed 5 inches (127 mm) in thickness, shall conform to the requirements of Division 14 and shall not extend more than 5 feet (1524 mm) above the first story finished floor.

2308.12.4 Braced wall line sheathing. Braced wall lines shall be braced by one of the types of sheathing prescribed by Table 2308.12.4 as shown in Figure 2308.9.3. The sum of lengths of braced wall panels at each braced wall line shall conform to Table 2308.12.4. Braced wall panels shall be distributed along the length of the braced wall line and start at not more than 8 feet (2438 mm) from each end of the braced wall line. Panel sheathing joints shall occur over studs or blocking. Sheathing shall be fastened to studs, top and bottom plates and at panel edges occurring over blocking. Wall framing to which sheathing used for bracing is applied shall be nominal 2 inch wide [actual 1½ inch (38 mm)] or larger members, spaced a maximum of 16 inches on center. Nailing shall be minimum

8d common placed 3/8 inches from panel edges and spaced not more than 6 inches on center, and 12 inches on center along intermediate framing members.

Braced wall panel construction types shall not be mixed within a braced wall line.

Braced wall panels required by Section 2308.12.4 may be eliminated when all of the following requirements are met:

1. One story detached Group U occupancies not more than 25 feet in depth or length.
2. The roof and three enclosing walls are solid sheathed with 1/2-inch nominal thickness wood structural panels with 8d common nails placed 3/8 inches from panel edges and spaced not more than 6 inches on center along all panel edges and 12 inches on center along intermediate framing members. Wall openings for doors or windows are permitted provided a minimum 4 foot wide wood structural braced panel with minimum height to length ratio of 2 to 1 is provided at each end of the wall line and that the wall line be sheathed for 50% of its length.

2308.12.5 Attachment of sheathing. Fastening of braced wall panel sheathing shall not be less than that prescribed in Table 2308.12.4 or Table 2304.9.1. Wall sheathing shall not be attached to framing members by adhesives.

All braced wall panels shall extend to the roof sheathing and shall be attached to parallel roof rafters or blocking above with framing clips (18 gauge minimum) spaced at maximum 24 inches (6096 mm) on center with four 8d nails per leg (total eight 8d nails per clip). Braced wall panels shall be laterally braced at each top corner and at maximum 24 inch (6096 mm) intervals along the top plate of discontinuous vertical framing.

**TABLE 2308.12.4
WALL BRACING IN SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORIES D AND E
(Minimum Length of Wall Bracing per each 25 Linear Feet of Braced Wall Line ^a)**

CONDITION	SHEATHING TYPE ^b	$S_{DS} < 0.50$	$0.50 \leq S_{DS} < 0.75$	$0.75 \leq S_{DS} \leq 1.00$	$S_{DS} > 1.00$
One Story	G-P ^c	10 feet 8 inches	14 feet 8 inches	18 feet 8 inches	25 feet 0 inches
	S-W	5 feet 4 inches	8 feet 0 inches	9 feet 4 inches	12 feet 0 inches

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

- a. Minimum length of panel bracing of one face of the wall for S-W sheathing shall be at least 4'-0" long or both faces of the wall for G-P sheathing shall be at least 8'-0" long; h/w ratio shall not exceed 2:1. For S-W panel bracing of the same material on two faces of the wall, the minimum length is permitted to be one-half the tabulated value but the h/w ratio shall not exceed 2:1 and design for uplift is required.
- b. G-P = gypsum board, portland cement plaster or gypsum sheathing boards; S-W = wood structural panels.
- c. Nailing as specified below shall occur at all panel edges at studs, at top and bottom plates and, where occurring, at blocking:
 - For 1/2-inch gypsum board, 5d (0.113 inch diameter) cooler nails at 7 inches on center;
 - For 5/8-inch gypsum board, No 11 gage (0.120 inch diameter) cooler nails at 7 inches on center;
 - For gypsum sheathing board, 1-3/4 inches long by 7/16-inch head, diamond point galvanized nails at 4 inches on center;
 - For gypsum lath, No. 13 gage (0.092 inch) by 1-1/8 inches long, 19/64-inch head, plasterboard at 5 inches on center;
 - For Portland cement plaster, No. 11 gage (0.120 inch) by 1 1/2 inches long, 7/16-inch head at 6 inches on center;"

Section 81.2.34 Particleboard Shearwalls. [Geological]

Table 23-II-I-2 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 81.2.35 Masonry Chimneys. [Geological]

Section 3102.4.3 of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section 3102.4.3 is added to read in its entirety as follows:

“3102.4.3 Reinforcing and Seismic Anchorage. Masonry chimneys shall be designed and constructed to comply with Section 1605. All masonry chimneys shall be anchored at each floor or ceiling line more than 6 feet above grade, except when constructed completely within the exterior walls of the buildings.”

Section 81.2.36 Excavation and Fill Hazards. [Geological]

Section 3301.3 is hereby added to the California Building Code, 2001 Edition, to read in its entirety as follows:

“3301.3 Special, Geological, or Seismological or Hillside Hazard. Persons making excavation or fills for any building or structure located on property determined by the Building Official to be of a special, geological, and/or seismological hazard or hillside area, shall be required to furnish any special investigation, inspection, or reports to the satisfaction of the Building Official before construction is authorized.”

Section 81.2.37 Patio Cover Design Loads. [Climatic]

Section 3117 of Appendix Chapter 31 of the California Building Code, 2001 Edition, is hereby deleted and a new section 3117 added to read in its entirety, as follows:

“Section 3117 Patio Cover Design Loads. Patio covers shall be designed and constructed to sustain, within the stress limits of this code, all dead loads, plus a minimum vertical live load of ten (10) pounds per square foot for detached patios, and twenty (20) pounds per square foot for patios attached to Group R, Divisions 1 and 3, and to Group U occupancies. Such covers shall be designed to resist the minimum horizontal wind loads set forth in this Code, except that where less than 12 feet high, the horizontal wind load shall be as indicated in Table No. A-31-A. In addition, they shall be designed to support a minimum wind uplift to horizontal wind load acting vertically upward normal to the roof surface, except that for structures not more than ten (10) feet above grade, the uplift may be three-fourths (3/4) of the horizontal wind load. When enclosed with insect screening or plastic, wind loads shall be applied to the structure assuming it is fully enclosed.

The plastic reference in Sections 3116 and 3117 is readily removable transparent flexible plastic screening of not more than 0.125 inch in thickness.”

Section 81.2.38 **Life Safety Requirements for Existing Buildings.**
[Administrative]

Section 3401A4, 3401A5, 3401A6, 3401A7, 3401A8, and 3401A9 of Appendix Chapter 34A of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

“3401A4 Date for Compliance. Six (6) months after notification by the Torrance Fire Department or Building & Safety Department that the structure is in violation of this chapter, every building falling within its scope shall be vacated until made to conform to the requirements of this section. The Building Official may grant necessary extensions of time when it can be shown that the specific time periods are not physically practical or pose an undue hardship. The granting of an extension of time for compliance shall be based upon the showing of good cause and subject to the filing of an acceptable systematic progressive plan of correction with the Building Official.”

3401A5 Exterior Exits. Exterior exit doors shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 10.

3401A6 Corridors. Corridors of Groups A, B, E, F, H, I, M and R, Division 1, and S Occupancies serving an occupancy load of 30 or more, shall have walls and ceilings of not less than one hour fire resistive construction as required by the code. Existing walls surfaced with wood lath and plaster in good condition or ½-inch gypsum wallboard or openings with fixed wired glass set in steel frames are permitted for corridor walls and ceilings and occupancy separations when approved. Where lath and plaster is found to be deteriorating in exit corridors, it shall be replaced or covered with 5/8 inch Type X gypsum wallboard throughout. Doors opening into such corridors shall be protected by 20-minute fire assemblies or solid wood doors not less than 1¾ inch thick door, a 1 3/8 -inch-thick solid bonded wood-core door or equivalent insulated steel door shall be permitted. Doors shall be self-closing or automatic closing by smoke detection. Transoms and openings other than doors from corridors to rooms shall comply with Section 1004.3.4.3.2 of the Uniform Building Code or shall be covered with a minimum of ¾ inch plywood or ½ -inch gypsum wallboard or equivalent material on the room side.

EXCEPTION: Existing corridor walls, ceilings and opening protection not in compliance with the above may be continued when such buildings are protected with an approved automatic sprinkler system throughout. Such sprinkler system may be supplied from the domestic water system if it is of adequate volume and pressure.

3401A7 General. Dwelling units and hotel or lodging house guest rooms that are used for sleeping purposes shall be provided with smoke detectors. Detectors shall be installed in accordance with the approved manufacturer’s instructions.

3401A8 Separation of Occupancies. Occupancy separations shall be provided as specified in Section 302 of this code. When approved by the Building Official, existing wood lath and plaster in good condition or ½ inch gypsum wallboard may be acceptable where one-hour occupancy separations are required.

Upon inspection, where it is found that the original construction or due to deterioration, a condition exists where fire could spread unchecked vertically or horizontally, provide a one-hour fire separation or repair the penetration to the satisfaction of the Fire Department and the Building and Safety Department.”

3401A9 Compliance Data. After notification by the Torrance Fire Department or Building and Safety Department, the owner shall, subject to the following time limits, take necessary actions to comply with the provisions of this chapter.

Plans and specifications for the necessary alterations shall be filed with the Building Official within 18 months after the date of owner notification. Work on the required alterations to the building shall commence within 30 months of the date of owner notification and such work shall be completed within five years from the date of owner notification.

The Building Official may grant necessary extensions of time when it can be shown that the specified time periods are not physically practical or pose an undue hardship. The granting of an extension of time for compliance shall be based upon the showing of good cause and subject to the filing of an acceptable systematic progressive plan of correction with the Building Official.”

Section 81.2.39 Excavation and Grading [Geological]

Section J101 of Appendix J of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section J101 added to read in its entirety as follows:

“Section J101.1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to safeguard life, limb, property, and public welfare by regulating grading and paving, and to provide control on all hillside and slope areas by regulating design, drainage, landscaping, structures, and earthwork construction on private property.”

Section J101.2 Scope. The provisions of this chapter apply to control excavations, paving, hillside and slope earthwork construction, site drainage, landscaping and grading, including fills and embankments; establishes the administrative procedure for issuance of permits; and provides for approval of plans and inspection of grading, hillside and slope earthwork construction, drainage, hillside landscaping and paving construction. Where conflicts occur between the technical requirements of this chapter and the soils report, the soils report shall govern.

Section J101.3 Hazards.

J101.3.1 General. Excavations, embankments or fills for buildings or structures shall be so constructed or protected that they do not endanger life or property. No fill or other surcharge loads shall be placed adjacent to any building, slope or structure unless such building, slope or structure is capable of withstanding the additional loads caused by the fill or surcharge.

J101.2.2 Excavation, Grading, Geologic and Hillside Hazard. Whenever the Building Official determines that any existing excavation, embankment, fill, hillside or slope area has become or constitutes a hazard to safety or public welfare, or endangers property, or adversely affects the safety, use or stability of a public way or drainage course, the Building Official may declare these areas hazard areas. All such hazard areas are hereby declared a public nuisance and shall be rendered safe by repair, removal, reconstruction, or proper erosion planting in accordance with procedures specified in this chapter, or by any other procedures approved by the Building Official. The owner of the property upon which the excavation or fill is located, or other person or agent in control of said property, upon receipt of notice in writing from the Building Official, shall within the period specified therein repair, remove, reconstruct, or plant so as to be in conformance with the requirements of this code.

J101.3 .3 Geological, Seismological or Flood Hazard. If, in the opinion of the Building Official, the land area for which grading or construction is proposed is subject to geological, seismological, or flood hazard to the extent that no reasonable amount of corrective work can eliminate or sufficiently reduce the hazard to human life or property, the grading permit and building permits for habitable structures shall be denied.

J101.4.4 Safety Precautions. If, at any stage of the work on an excavation, slope, embankment or fill, the Building Official believes that the nature of the formation is such that further work as authorized by an existing permit is likely to endanger any property or public way, the Building Official may require, as a condition of allowing the work to be done, that such reasonable safety precautions be taken as the Building Official considers advisable to avoid such likelihood of danger. Safety precautions may include, but shall not be limited to, specifying a flatter exposed slope, construction of additional drainage facilities, berm terracing compaction, or cribbing.”

Section 81.2.40 Permits Required. [Geological]

Section J103 of Appendix J of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section J103 added to read in its entirety as follows:

Section J103 Permits Required.

“J103.1 Permits Required. No person shall do any grading or paving without first having obtained a grading permit from the Building Official. A grading permit does not include the construction of retaining walls or other structures.

J103.2 Exempt. A grading permit shall not required for the following:

1. Grading in an isolated, self-contained area if there is no danger apparent to private or public property and will not alter or increase the flow of the drainage of the area when approved by the Building Official.
2. An excavation below finished grade for basements and footings of a building, retaining wall or other structure authorized by a valid building permit. This shall not exempt any fill made with the material from such excavation nor exempt any excavation having an unsupported height greater than five (5) feet after the completion of such structure.
3. Cemetery graves.
4. Refuse disposal sites controlled by other regulations.
5. Mining, quarrying, excavating, processing, stock piling of rock, sand, gravel, aggregate, or clay where established and provided for by law, provided such operations do not affect the lateral support or increase the stresses in or pressure upon any adjacent or contiguous property.
6. Exploratory excavations under the direction of soil engineers or engineering geologists.
7. Paving of basements or roof areas authorized by a valid building permit.
8. Resurfacing of existing paved areas provided existing paving is not removed and the drainage pattern is not modified.
9. Repair of paved areas of less than one thousand (1,000) square feet.

Exemption from the permit requirements of this chapter shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this chapter or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.”

Section 81.2.41 Definitions. [Geological]

Section J102 of Appendix J of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section J102 added to read in its entirety as follows:

“Section J102 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the definitions listed hereunder shall be construed as specified in this section.

APPROVAL shall mean a written engineering or geological opinion concerning the progress and completion of the work, and the proposed or completed work conforms to this Division of the code in the opinion of the Building Official.

ASPHALTIC CONCRETE is a mixture of mineral aggregate and liquid asphalt mixed at a central mixing plant.

AS GRADED is the extent of surface conditions on completion of grading.

BEDROCK is in-place solid rock.

BENCH is a relatively level step excavated into earth material on which fill is to be placed.

BENCHMARK shall mean a point of elevation accepted by the City of Torrance based on the latest adjusted datum, as a point of reference for survey elevations.

BORROW is earth material acquired from an off-site location for use in grading on a site.

CIVIL ENGINEER shall mean a professional engineer registered in the State to practice in the field of civil engineering works.

COMPACTION is the densification of a fill by mechanical means.

CRUSHED AGGREGATE is crushed rock and rock dust. This does not include decomposed granite.

DAYLIGHT LINES are boundary lines of either the cut or fill where they meet the natural ground and the exposed surface.

EARTH MATERIAL is any rock crushed aggregate, natural soil or fill and/or any combination thereof.

EMBANKMENT is built up soil used to protect, screen or support structures or designated areas.

ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST shall mean a geologist experienced and knowledgeable in engineering geology and registered in the State of California as an Engineering Geologist.

ENGINEERING GEOLOGY shall mean the application of geologic and seismic knowledge and principles in the investigation and evaluation of naturally occurring rock and soil for use in the design of civil works.

EROSION is the wearing away of the ground surface as a result of the movement of wind, water, and/or ice.

EXCAVATION is the mechanical removal of earth material.

EXISTING GRADE is the grade prior to grading.

FILL is a deposit of earth material placed by artificial means.

FINISH GRADE is the final grade of the site, which conforms to the approved plan.

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER See Soils Engineer.

GRADE shall mean the vertical location of the ground surface.

GRADING is any excavating or filling or combination thereof.

HILLSIDE AREAS shall mean any land designated as being located within the Hillside Overlay District per Section 91.41.1.

HILLSIDE LANDSCAPING shall mean the application of landscaping knowledge and principles in the investigation and evaluation of planting over natural and placed soils in hillside areas for the purpose of slope protection.

KEY is a designed compacted fill placed in a trench excavated in earth material beneath the toe of a proposed fill slope.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT shall mean a landscape architect licensed by the State to practice in the field of landscape architecture and acceptable to the Building Official as an expert in hillside planting design.

NONCOMPLYING FILL is fill, which was placed without the supervision and approval of a soil engineer, or otherwise not in compliance with Section 81.2.34.

PAVEMENT is asphaltic concrete or Portland Cement Concrete placed upon a prepared base.

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE is a mixture of mineral aggregate and cement mixed at a central mixing plant.

PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION is the inspection required by this code to be performed by the civil engineer, soils engineer or engineering geologist. Such inspections include that performed by persons supervised by such engineers or geologists and shall be sufficient to form an opinion relating to the conduct of the work.

RAINY SEASON is the period of wet weather starting October 01 and ending April 15.

ROUGH GRADE is the stage at which the grade approximately conforms to the approved plan.

SEISMIC FAULT is an active earth plane associated with earthquakes.

SEISMOLOGY is the science of the study of earthquakes and their effect on site development.

SITE is any lot or parcel of land or contiguous combination thereof, under the same ownership, where grading is performed or permitted.

SLOPE is an inclined ground surface, the inclination of which is expressed as a ratio of horizontal distance to vertical distance.

SOIL is naturally occurring surficial deposits overlying bedrock.

SOIL ENGINEER (Geotechnical Engineer) shall mean a civil engineer experienced and knowledgeable in the practice of soil engineering and acceptable to the Building Official as an expert in soil engineering.

SOIL ENGINEERING (Geotechnical Engineering) shall mean the application of the principles of soil mechanics in the investigation, evaluation, and design of Civil works involving the use of earth materials and the inspection and testing of the construction thereof.

STOCKPILE is any amount of material stored upon a lot not in compliance with the grading provisions of this chapter.

TERRACE is a relatively level step constructed in the face of a graded slope surface for drainage and maintenance purposes.”

Section 81.2.42 Grading Permit Requirements. [Geological]

Section J104 of Appendix J of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section J104 added to read in its entirety, as follows:

“J104 Permit Application and Submittals..

J104.1 Permits Required. Except as exempted in Section J103 of this code, no person shall do any grading or paving without first obtaining a grading permit from the Building Official. A separate permit shall be required for each site and may cover excavation, fills, and paving.

J104.2 Application. The provisions of Section 106.3.1 of the California Building 2007 Edition, are applicable to grading and paving and, in addition, the application shall state the estimated quantities of work involved.

J104.3 General Grading Requirements. In granting a grading permit, the Building Official shall impose the following restrictions or conditions thereon, in addition to those otherwise provided herein. Such restrictions or conditions shall include but not be limited to:

1. Whenever any excavation, fill, or paving requires entry onto adjacent property for any reason, the permit applicant shall obtain the written consent of the adjacent property owner or his authorized representative or agent, and shall file a copy of said consent with the Building Official, before a permit for such grading or paving work may be issued. In the event on adjacent properties, contours are permanently changed, structures or drainage devices are added or modified, and/or the work done requires a grading permit under Section J103, a separate permit shall be required for each of such affected adjoining properties in addition to the consent letter. The consent letter will not be required if the adjoining owner takes out such grading permit.
2. No person shall conduct any grading, excavation, filling or paving, including the export or import of earth material between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of any day, except in emergencies as determined by the Building Official.
3. No person shall conduct any grading, excavation, or filling in excess of two hundred (200) cubic yards or any paving operations in excess of five thousand(5,000) square feet during the period between November 15 and April 15 unless a winter grading or paving plan and specifications and other plans or specifications, as required by the Building Official are filed with the Department and approved by the Building Official. Whenever it appears that any grading or paving project previously commenced pursuant to a permit issued by the Building Department will not be completed prior to the date of November 15, the Building Official may require that the permit applicant secure plans for winter protection and erosion control to protect any property adjacent to such property.
4. Paved streets, sidewalks and other improvements shall be maintained in a neat and clean condition free of loose soil, construction debris and trash. Street sweeping or other equally effective means shall be used on a regular basis to prevent storm flows from carrying sediment and debris outside the project boundaries. Watering shall not be used to clean streets.
5. The civil engineer or other qualified individual who prepared the grading plan and designed the erosion control devices shall be responsible for inspection and modification of the devices, as necessary, during the rainy season. The Building Official shall approve significant modifications to erosion control.

In addition, the Building Official in granting a grading or paving permit, may impose such conditions thereon in addition to those otherwise provided herein, as are reasonably necessary to prevent the proposed operations from being conducted in such a manner as to constitute or create a hazard to life or property. Such conditions may include, but shall not be limited to:

1. The designation of routes along which earth, sand, gravel, asphaltic concrete, or similar materials shall be transported where grading permit is for more than five hundred (500) cubic yards, or paving permits is for more than ten thousand (10,000) square feet.

2. Restrictions as to size, type, and number of pieces of equipment to be used, including trucks, where grading permit is for more than five hundred (500) cubic yards or paving permit is for more than ten thousand (10,000) square feet.
3. A provision that the applicant carry a policy of insurance insuring the City, its agents and employees, and the public against any loss or damage to persons or property resulting from the work to be performed under said permit in an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000.) or double the amount of the bond required therefore, whichever sum is greater, in a form approved by the Building Official.
4. Requirements for fencing or temporary protection for excavations or fills which would otherwise be hazardous.
5. A requirement for dust control during the course of grading or stockpile operation by watering or other approved method approved by the Building Official.
6. A requirement to provide a stabilized site access, using temporary asphalt concrete paving of two (2) inch thickness or more, or approved compacted base material, to allow for the removal of debris from vehicles leaving the development site, and prevent the tracking of debris into the public right of way.

J104.4 Plans and Specifications. Each application for a grading or paving permit shall be accompanied by two (2) sets of plans and specifications and, when required, supporting data consisting of, but not limited to, a soils report, engineering geology report, drainage report, and hillside landscape report. The plan specifications shall be prepared and signed by a civil engineer when required by the Building Official. Plans shall be drawn to scale upon substantial paper or cloth and shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate the nature and extent of the work proposed, and shows in detail that they will conform to the provisions of this code and all relevant laws, ordinance, rules and regulations. The first sheet of each set of plans shall give the location of the work, legal description, and where prepared. The plans should include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. General vicinity sketch of the proposed site and known seismic faults.
2. Property limits and accurate contours of existing ground and details of terrain and area drainage of the existing ground on the property where the work is to be performed, contributory drainage areas, and on the property adjacent thereto for a distance of approximately fifteen (15) feet.
3. Detailed plans of pavement, planters, and planted areas, all surface and subsurface drainage devices, walls, cribbing, dams, and other protective

devices to be constructed with, or as a part of, the proposed work, together with a map showing the drainage area, and the estimated runoff of the area served by any drains.

4. Location of any buildings or structures on the property where the work is to be performed and the location of any building or structures on land of adjacent owners which are within fifteen (15) feet of the property or which may be affected by the proposed grading operation.
5. The location of top and toe of all cuts and fills, the location of all "daylight" lines.
6. Planting and irrigation plans of all hillside or slope areas when required by the Building Official.
7. The quantity of excavation and fill involved, including the recompaction of existing uncompacted fill.
8. Limiting dimensions elevations or finish contours to be achieved by the grading and proposed drainage channels and related construction.
9. The dates of the soils engineering and engineering geology reports together with the names, addresses and phone numbers of the firms or individuals who prepare the reports.
10. Existing and proposed improvements within the public right of way.

Specifications shall contain information covering construction and material requirements.

J104.5 Grading and Paving Designation. All grading in excess of five thousand (5,000) cubic yards or paving in excess of fifty thousand (50,000) square feet shall be performed in accordance with the approved grading or paving plan prepared by a civil engineer, and shall be designated as "engineered grading or paving." Grading involving less than 5,000 cubic yards or paving of less than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet shall be designated "regular grading or paving" unless the permittee with the approval of the Building Official chooses to have the grading performed as "engineered grading or paving." The Building Official may designate grading of less than five thousand (5,000) cubic yards or paving of less than fifty thousand (50,000) square feet as "engineered grading or paving" if the grading takes place in the Hillside Area or the nature of the work requires special design consideration.

J104.6 Engineered Grading and Paving Requirements. For engineered grading or paving plans, the plans and specifications shall be prepared and signed by an individual licensed by the state to prepare such plans or specifications when required by the Building Official. It shall be the responsibility of the individual to incorporate all recommendations from the soil engineering, engineering geology,

seismological, drainage and landscape planting reports into the grading or paving plan. The individual shall also act as the coordinating agent in the event the need arises for liaison between the other professionals, the contractor, and the Building Official.

The landscape architect shall also be responsible for the preparation of landscape planting and irrigation plans and specifications. These plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Building Official for approval prior to the issuance of the grading permit.

J104.7 Soil Engineering Report. The soil engineering report required by Section J104.4 shall include data regarding the nature, distribution, and strength of existing soils, conclusions, and recommendations for grading and paving procedures, effect of the development on adjacent properties, and design criteria for corrective measures, including buttress fills, when necessary, and opinions and recommendations covering adequacy of sites to be developed by the proposed grading, including the stability of slopes.

During grading, all necessary reports, compaction data, and soil engineering and engineering geology recommendations shall be submitted to the Building Official by the soil engineer and engineering geologist.

Recommendations included in the report and approved by the Building Official shall be incorporated in the grading or paving plans and specifications.

J104.8 Engineering Geology Report. The engineering geology report required by Section J104.4 shall include an adequate description of the geology of the site, conclusions, and recommendations regarding the effect of geologic conditions on the proposed development, and the opinions and recommendations covering the adequacy of sites to be developed by the proposed grading or construction. This report shall include analysis of seismic activity and seismic fault zones and their influence of the proposed development.

Recommendations included in the report, and approved by the Building Official, shall be incorporated in the grading plans or specifications.

J104.9 Liquefaction Study. The Building Official may require a geotechnical investigation in accordance with Sections 1802.2 and 1802.6 when, during the course of an investigation, all of the following conditions are discovered, the report shall address the potential for liquefaction:

1. Shallow ground water, 50 feet (15 240 mm) or less.
2. Unconsolidated sandy alluvium.
3. Seismic Zones 3 and 4.

J104.10 Drainage Report. Developments in excess of one acre, and using a subsurface drainage system shall submit a drainage study prepared by a civil engineer. The drainage report shall use the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Hydrology Handbook methodology. A design frequency of 50-years

shall be used for all developments located within sumped areas or required to retain drainage on site. All other developments may use a design frequency of 25-years.

J104.11 Hillside Landscaping Report. The landscaping report required by J104.4 shall include a plant list and data regarding the nature and method for promotion of growth of ground cover plants and shrubs to protect the slopes against erosion, conclusions, and recommendations for planting procedures, and criteria for corrective measures when necessary; and opinions and recommendation covering adequacy of protection of sites to be developed by the proposed grading. This report shall be prepared by a licensed landscape architect and approved by the Building Official.

Recommendations included in the report and approved by the Building Official shall be incorporated in the grading plans or specifications.

J104.12 Issuance. The provisions of Section 108.4 of the California Building Code are applicable to grading permits. The Building Official may require that grading or paving operations and project designs be modified if delays occur which incur weather-generated problems not considered at the time the permit was issued. Grading and paving operations on a single site may be conducted under a single permit provided fees have been paid.

The Building Official may require professional inspection and testing by the soil engineer. When the Building Official has cause to believe that geologic factors may be involved, the grading will be required to conform to engineered grading.

J104.13 Stockpile Permit. The Building Official may issue a permit to stockpile soil on a lot upon submission by the owner of such a lot or his authorized agency, a scaled plan showing the lot dimensions, location in which the stockpile is to be placed, the approximate amount of soil to be stockpiled, height of stockpile and method of dust and erosion control. Soil so stockpiled must not be disturbed or leveled unless a regular grading permit has been obtained for the work. Stockpile permits shall be valid for no longer than 180 days unless a written extension request is received from the owner, or his authorized agency, and approved by the Building Official.”

Section 81.2.43 Bonds. [Administrative]

a) General. The Building Official may require bonds in such form and amounts as may be deemed necessary to assure that the work, if not completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, will be corrected to eliminate hazardous conditions or assure performance under conditions imposed by the pertinent governing body.

When required, bonds shall be filed with the Building Official for the benefit of the City prior to the issuance of the permit for grading. The bond shall be on a form approved by the Building Official, executed by the owner and a corporate surety sufficient to

cover correction elimination of hazardous conditions or to assure completion of conditions imposed by the pertinent governing body.

b) Hillside. Bonds shall be required for excavation or fill of earth in a hillside area unless the Building Official determines that the proposed grading is neither actually or potentially hazardous.

c) Cash Bond. In lieu of a surety bond the applicant may file a cash bond or instrument of credit with the Building Official in an amount equal to that which would be required in the surety bond.

d) Conditions of the Bond. Every bond shall be conditioned such that the owner shall:

1. Comply with all applicable provisions of this Code and all other applicable laws.
2. Comply with all of the terms and conditions of the grading permit to the satisfaction of the Building Official.
3. Complete all of the work described by the permit, and the plans and specifications relating thereto, within the time limit specified in the permit. Upon application by the permittee, the Building Official, for sufficient cause, may extend the time specified in the permit, but no such extension shall release any surety on the bond.
4. Install temporary erosion control devices when required to do so by the provisions of this Chapter.

3311.5e) Term of the Bond. The term of each bond shall begin upon the date of filing with the City and shall remain in effect until the completion of the work to the satisfaction of the Building Official or until replaced by a new bond in the event of a change of ownership. In the event of a failure to complete the work and failure to comply with all of the conditions and terms of the permit, the Building Official may order the work to be completed as required by the permit and to the satisfaction of the Building Official.

f) Bond Amount. The amount of the bond shall be based upon the number of cubic yards of material in either excavation or fill, whichever is the greater amount, and in addition shall include the cost of all drainage or other protective devices as may be required by the civil engineer and approved by the Building Official. That portion of the bond valuation covering the costs of excavation or fill shall be computed as set forth in Table B-J-A, unless increased by the Building Official.”

TABLE B-J-A—BONDS

1 to 10,000 cubic yards Over 10,001 cubic yards	\$10.00 per cubic yard \$100,000 plus \$5.00 for each additional cubic yard in excess of 10,000
Minimum Grading Bond	\$10,000

Section 81.2.44 Fills. [Geological]

Section J107 of Appendix J of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section J107 added to read in its entirety as follows:

“J107 Fills.

J107.1 General. Unless otherwise recommended in the approved soil engineering report, fills shall conform to the provisions of this section.

In the absence of an approved soils engineering report, these provisions may be waived for minor fills not intended to support structures.

J107.2 Preparation of Ground. Fill slopes shall not be constructed on natural slopes steeper than two to one. The ground surface shall be prepared to receive fill by removing vegetation, noncomplying fill, topsoil and other unsuitable materials scarifying to provide a bond with the new fill and where slopes are steeper than five to one, and the height is greater than five (5) feet, by benching into sound bedrock or other competent material, as determined by the soils engineer. The bench under the toe of a fill on a slope steeper than five to one shall be at least ten (10) feet wide. The area beyond the toe of fill shall be sloped for sheet overflow or a paved drain shall be provided. When fill is to be placed over a cut, the bench under the toe of the fill shall be at least ten (10) feet wide but the cut shall be made before placing the fill and acceptance by the soils engineer or engineering geologist or both as a suitable foundation for fill. Unsuitable soil is soil which, in the opinion of the Building Official or the civil engineer or the soils engineer or the geologist, is not competent to support other soil or fill, to support structures, or to satisfactorily perform the other functions for which the soil is intended.

J107.3 Fill Material. Detrimental amounts of organic material shall not be permitted in fills. Except as permitted by the Building Official, no rock or similar irreducible material with a maximum dimension greater than twelve (12) inches shall be buried or placed in fills.

EXCEPTION: The Building Official may permit placement of larger rock when the soils engineer properly devises a method of placement, continuously inspects its placement, and approves the fill stability.

The following conditions shall also apply:

1. Prior to issuance of the Grading Permit, potential rock disposal areas shall be delineated on the grading plan.
2. Rock sizes greater than twelve (12) inches in maximum dimension shall be ten (10) feet or more below grade, measured vertically.
3. Rocks shall be placed so as to assure filling of all voids with fines.

J107.4 Compaction. All manufactured fills shall be placed on natural undisturbed material or approved compacted fill, and compacted to a minimum of 90 percent relative compaction as determined by ASTM D 1557. Every manufactured fill shall be tested for relative compaction by a soil testing agency approved by the Building Official. A compaction report including a Certificate of Compliance setting forth densities so determined shall be submitted to the Building Official for review before approval of any fill is given.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. The Building Official may approve uncompacted fill in self-contained areas where the fills are not to be used to support buildings or structures and no hazard will be created.
2. Compaction report is not required for gravel backfill behind retaining walls provided the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The retaining wall does not exceed 5 feet in height from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall.
 - (b) The maximum distance between the retaining wall and the backcut shall not exceed 24 inches.
 - (c) The gravel backfill shall be mechanically compacted and covered with concrete pavement or be capped with a 24-inch thick soil blanket mechanically compacted to the Building Official's satisfaction.
3. The gravel backfill does not provide vertical or lateral support for any structures or adverse bedding planes.

J107.5 Slope. The slope of fill surfaces shall be no steeper than is safe for the intended use. Fill slopes shall be no steeper than two (2) horizontal to one (1) vertical.

J107.6 Grade. All lots shall have a minimum grade of one (1) percent unless waived by the Building Official. The lot shall be graded to drain to the adjacent street(s). If the natural grade of any lot slopes away from the adjacent street an average grade

greater than two (2) percent, or if the grade of adjacent lots causes adherence to the provisions of this section to not be in the best engineering practices, then the Building Official may allow an alternate method of conducting the drainage to adjacent streets as provided in Section J109. All paved parking areas, except driveways, shall have a maximum grade of ten (10) percent unless waived by the Building Official.

J107.7 Subgrade. All areas over which paving is to be placed shall be prepared in accordance with Sections J107.2, J107.3 and J107.4. Before the placing of pavement or before the construction of any structures, the soil engineer shall approve or certify as to the conformance of the fill.

J107.8 Pavement.

J107.8.1 Asphalt Concrete Payment. Asphalt Concrete Pavement shall be designed to be of sufficient thickness to safeguard against damage due to soil and load conditions. Pavement sections may be designed by a soils engineer or civil engineer in compliance with the California R-Value Method and approved by the Building Official. However, asphalt concrete shall not be less than two (2) inches in thickness. Minimum asphalt concrete pavement designed shall conform to the following: two (2) inches of asphalt concrete on four (4) inches of untreated rock base on sandy soils, and two (2) inches of asphalt concrete on six (6) inches of untreated rock base on expansive soils. Pavement shall have a minimum grade of one (1) percent unless waived by the Building Official.

J107.8.2 Portland Cement Concrete. Portland Cement Concrete paving shall consist of not less than three and one-half (3 ½) inches in thickness for sandy soils or 3 ½ inches in thickness over four (4) inches of select material base for expansive soils. Concrete shall have a minimum grade of 0.4 percent unless waived by the Building Official.

J107.8.3 Minimum Material Standards. Base material, asphaltic concrete, and Portland Cement Concrete shall be of a type approved by the Building Official. The Building Official may require base compaction to a minimum of ninety-five (95) percent of maximum density as determined by

ASTM D 1557. Field density shall be determined in accordance with ASTM D 1556, ASTM D 2167, ASTM D 2937 or ASTM D 2922 and ASTM D 3017.”

Section 81.2.45 Drainage And Terracing. [Geological]

Section J109.5 and J109.6 are added to read in its entirety as follows:

“J109.5 Disposal. All drainage facilities shall be designed to carry waters to the nearest practicable drainage way approved by the Building Official and/or other appropriate jurisdiction as a safe place to deposit such waters. Erosion of ground in the area of discharge shall be prevented by installation of non-erosive downdrains or other devices. Concentrated drainage water from drainage devices shall not be permitted to flow over the sidewalks or parkways.

Building pads shall have drainage of one (1) percent towards approved drainage facilities.

Drainage devices shall service no more than one property unless said device is located within a public easement and maintained by the City of Torrance.

J109.6 Ponding. Ponding of water shall not be permitted to occur on pavement, concrete or in landscape areas.

EXCEPTION: Upon the approval of the Building Official, a maximum ponding depth of 6 (six) inches in parking or paved areas is permitted where it is determined, as recommended in an approved drainage report, that storm water must be retained on site to comply with the provisions of this Chapter.”

Section 81.2.46 Erosion Control. [Topographical]

Section J110 of Appendix J of the California Building Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section J110 added to read in its entirety, as follows:

“J110 Erosion Control of Cut and Fill Slopes in Hillside Areas.

J110.1 Slopes. The faces of cut and fill slopes shall be prepared and maintained to control against erosion. This control may consist of effective planting. The protection for the slopes shall be installed as soon as practicable and prior to calling for final approval. The Building Official may require landscaping plans, plant lists, and sprinkler plans to be prepared and signed by a licensed landscape architect and approved by the Building Official prior to issuance of a grading permit. Slopes shall be planted with grass or ground cover plants and an adequate irrigation system installed.

J110.2 Other Devices. Where necessary, check dams, cribbing, riprap, or other devices or methods shall be employed to control erosion and provide safety.”

Section 81.2.47 Completion of Work. [Administrative]

Section J112 is added to read in its entirety, as follows:

“J112 Completion of Work.

J112.1 Final Reports. Upon completion of the rough grading work and at the final completion of the work, the following reports and drawings and supplements thereto shall be required unless waived by the Building Official:

1. If substantial changes, as determined by the Building Official, have taken place from the approved grading plan, an as-graded grading plan or paving plan prepared by the individual of record, including original ground surface elevations, as-graded ground surface elevations, lot drainage patterns and locations, and elevation of all surface and subsurface drainage facilities. In addition, the Building Official shall state that to the best of his knowledge the

work was done in accordance with the final approved grading plan or paving plan.

2. A report prepared by the soils engineer retained to provide such services in accordance with Section 3317.3, including locations and elevations of field density tests, summaries of field and laboratory test, a statement that all subdrains were inspected prior to backfill, other substantiating data and comments on any changes made during grading and their effect on the recommendations made in the approved soils engineering investigation report. The soils engineer shall provide a professional opinion of the suitability of the fill material and their placement, and the ability of the natural materials to support the compacted fill without excessive settlement of the fill or potential damage to structures erected thereon; soil engineers shall submit a statement that, to the best of their knowledge, the work within their area of responsibilities is in accordance with the approved soils engineering report and applicable provisions of this chapter.
3. A report prepared by the engineering geologist retained to provide such services in accordance with Section 3317.4, including a final description of the geology of the site and any new information disclosed during the grading and the effect of same on recommendations incorporated in the approved grading plan. The report shall include the geologist's certification that inspections were performed on all cut and fill slopes prior to placement of fill material. Engineering geologists shall submit a statement that, to the best of their knowledge, the work within their area of responsibility is in accordance with the
 4. approved engineering geologist's report and applicable provisions of this chapter.
5. The grading contractor shall submit in a form prescribed by the Building Official a statement of conformance to said as-built plan and the specifications.
6. A landscape planting report prepared by the landscape architect, including a final planting list and layout of the planting of the hillside area. The Building Official shall provide approval as to the adequacy of the planting for the intended use.

J112.2 Notification of Completion. The permittee or his agent shall notify the Building Official when the grading operation is ready for the final inspection. Final approval shall not be given until all work, including installation of all drainage facilities and their protective devices and all erosion control measures, have been completed in accordance with the final approved grading plan and the required reports have been submitted."

SECTION 81.2.48 PERMIT FEES; EXCAVATION, GRADING AND PAVING.
[Geological]

1. Grading Plan Checking Fee. For excavation and fill on the same site, the fee shall be based on the volume of the excavation or fill, whichever is greater. Before accepting a set of plans and specifications for checking, the Building Official shall collect a plan checking fee. Separate permits and fees shall apply to retaining walls or major drainage structures as indicated elsewhere in this Code. There shall be no separate charge for standard terrace drains and similar facilities. The amount of the plan checking fee for grading plans shall be set by resolution of the City Council from time to time.
2. Grading Permit Fees. A fee for each grading permit shall be paid to the Building Official as set forth in a resolution of the City Council from time to time.
3. Stockpile Permit Fee. The permit fee for stockpiling shall be set forth in a resolution of the City Council from time to time.
4. Paving Plan Checking Fee. For paving, the fee shall be based on the square footage of the pavement placed. Before accepting a set of plans and specifications for checking, the Building Official shall collect a plan checking fee. The amount of the plan checking fee for paving plans shall be set forth in a resolution of the City Council from time to time.
5. Paving Permit Fee. A fee for each paving permit shall be paid to the Building Official as set forth in a resolution of the City Council from time to time.

SECTION 3

That Article 1, of Chapter 2, Division 8, of the Torrance Municipal Code is hereby repealed and a new Article 1, Chapter 2, Division 8 is added to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 1 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE

Section 82.1.1 Adoption of California Electrical Code.

"Those certain documents in book form entitled California Electrical Code, 2007 Edition, published by The National Fire Protection Association and The California Building Standards Commission, and the Uniform Administrative Code Provisions for the National Electrical Code 1996 Edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials, not less than one (1) copy of which has been and is now filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended by this ordinance, are hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance as the Electrical Code of the City of Torrance."

SECTION 4

That Article 2, of Chapter 2, of Division 8, of the Torrance Municipal Code are repealed in their entirety, and a new Article 2, Chapter 2, Division 8, is added to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 2 AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Section 82.2.2 **Maintenance Electricians. [Administrative]**

Section 89.108.4.1(B)6 of the Uniform Administrative Code provisions of the National Electrical Code, 2005 Edition, is added to read in its entirety as follows:

“89.108.4.1(B)6 Maintenance Electricians. Any person regularly employing one or more electricians for the purpose of installation, alteration, maintenance or repair on his or its own premises, shall make monthly reports covering all installations, additions or alterations and shall pay for each thereof the permit fees provided for in this Chapter. All such work shall be installed and done in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, and such work shall be subject to inspection by the Building Official to the same extent as all other similar work for which such inspection is provided.”

Section 82.2.4 **Corrections. [Administrative]**

Section 89.108.4.1(B)7 of the Uniform Administrative Code Provisions of the National Electrical Code, 1996 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

“89.108.4.1(B)7 Corrections. All defects shall be corrected within ten (10) days after inspection and notification or within such other reasonable time as is permitted by the Building Official.”

Section 82.2.5 **Used Materials. [Geological]**

Section 90.10 of the California Electrical Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

“90.10 Used Material. Previously used materials shall not be reused in any work without the written approval obtained in advance from the Building Official.”

Section 82.2.6 **Uses Permitted. [Geological]**

Section 334.10 of the California Electrical Code, 2007 Edition, is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“334.10 Uses Permitted. Type NM, Type NMC, and Type NMS cables shall be permitted to be used in one- and two-family dwellings, multifamily dwelling and other

residential structures except as prohibited in Section 334.12. Where installed in cable trays, cables shall be identified for this use.

(FPN): See Section 310.10 for temperature limitation of conductors.

Type NM. Type NM cable shall be permitted for both exposed and concealed work in normally dry locations. It shall be permissible to install or fish Type NM cable in air voids in masonry block or tile walls where such walls are not exposed or subject to excessive moisture or dampness.

Type NMC. Type NMC cable shall be permitted:

1. For both exposed and concealed work in dry, moist, damp, or corrosive locations.
2. In outside and inside walls of masonry block or tile.
3. In a shallow chase in masonry, concrete, or adobe protected against nails or screws by a steel plate at least 1/16-in thick, and covered with plaster, adobe, or similar finish.

Type NMS. Type NMS cable shall be permitted for both exposed and concealed work in normally dry locations. It shall be permissible to install or fish Type NMS cable in air voids in masonry block or tile walls where such walls are not exposed or subject to excessive moisture or dampness.”

Section 82.2.7 **Uses Not Permitted. [Geological]**

Section 334.12 of the California Electrical Code, 2007 Edition, is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

334.12 Uses Not Permitted.

TYPES NM, NMC, AND NMS. Types NM, NMC, and NMS cables shall not be used in the following:

1. In any residential structure exceeding two floors above grade or in any nonresidential structure
2. For the purpose of this article, the first floor of a building shall be that floor that has 50 percent or more of the exterior wall surface area level with or above finished grade. One additional level that is the first level and not designed for human habitation and used only for vehicle parking, storage, or similar use shall be permitted.
3. As service-entrance cable
4. In commercial garages having hazardous (classified) locations as provided in Section 511.3

5. In theaters and similar locations, except where permitted in 518.4.
6. In motion picture studios
7. In storage battery rooms
8. In hoistways, or on elevators or escalators.
9. Embedded in poured cement, concrete, or aggregate
10. In any hazardous (classified) location, except as permitted by Sections 501.4(B), Exception, 502.4(B), Exception No. 1, and 504.20.

Types NM and NMS. Types NM and NMS cable shall not be used as follows:

1. Where exposed to corrosive fumes or vapors
2. Where embedded in masonry, concrete, adobe, fill, or plaster
3. In a shallow chase in masonry, concrete, or adobe and covered with plaster, adobe, or similar finish
4. Where exposed or subject to excessive moisture or dampness
5. Where supported by cable ties unless the cable ties are specifically approved for such use

SECTION 5

That Article 1, of Chapter 3, of Division 8 of the Torrance Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and a new Article 1, Chapter 3, Division 8 is added to read in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE 1 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE**Section 83.1.1 Adoption of California Plumbing Code.**

“That certain documents in book form entitled California Plumbing Code, 2007 Edition, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and the California Building Standards Commission, with appendices Chapter 1, A, B, I and K of which not less than one copy has been and is now filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance save and except those portions which are herein amended, deleted or modified by this chapter is hereby adopted by the City Council as the Plumbing Code of the City of Torrance.”

SECTION 6

Sections 83.2.2 through 83.2.5 and 83.2.7 through 83.2.8 of the Torrance Municipal Code are hereby repealed, and new Sections 83.2.1 through 83.2.5 and 83.2.7 and 83.2.8 are hereby added to read in their entirety as follows:

Section 83.2.2 Minimum Number of Required Fixtures. [Administrative]

Section 412.1 of the California Plumbing Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

412.1 Fixture Count. Plumbing fixtures shall be provided for the type of building occupancy and in the minimum number shown in Table 4-1.

EXCEPTION: Where circumstances dictate that a different ratio is needed, the adjustment shall be approved by the Building Official.”

Section 83.2.3 Drainage System Materials. [Climatic]

Subsection 701.1.2.3 of the California Plumbing Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

“701 **Materials.**

701.1.2.3 ABS and PVC DWV piping installations above ground shall be limited to residential construction, not more than two (2) stories in height.

Section 83.2.4 Building Sewer Materials. [Climatic]

Section 715.1 of the California Plumbing Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“715.1 Building Sewer Materials. The building sewer, beginning two (2) feet from any building or structure shall be of cast iron, vitrified clay, asbestos cement sewer pipe, schedule 40 ABS, schedule 40 PVC pipe, or PVC SDR35 pipe or as approved by administrative authority.”

Section 83.2.5 Vents. [Climatic]

Subsection 903.1.4 of the California Plumbing Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby deleted in its added to read in its entirety as follows:

“ 903.1.4 Materials. ABS or PVC installation are limited to residential construction, not more than two (2) stories in height.”

Section 908.4 of the California Plumbing Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

908.4 Bathroom Wet Venting. Bathroom Horizontal Wet Venting is not permitted.

Section 83.2.7 Rainwater Systems. [Climatic]

Subsection 1101.3.2 of the California Plumbing Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

1101.3.2 MATERIALS. ABS and PVC DWV piping installation above ground shall be limited to residential construction, not more than two (2) stories in height.”

Subsection 101.11.1 of the California Plumbing Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

1101.11.1 Primary Roof Drainage. Roof areas of a building shall be drained by roof drains or gutters. The location and sizing of drains and gutters shall be coordinated with the structural design and pitch of the roof. Roof drains, gutters, vertical conductors or leaders, and horizontal storm drains for primary drainage shall be sized based on rainfall of four (4”) inches per hour.

Section 83.2.8 Swimming Pools. [Administrative]

Appendix M of the California Plumbing Code, 2001 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

“Appendix M Swimming Pools.

M1 Swimming pool waste water shall be disposed of as hereinafter set forth in this Section and the type of disposal proposed shall be approved by the Administrative Authority prior to the commencement of any work. A means of disposal of the total contents of the pool (periodic emptying) without surface run-off shall be established to the satisfaction of the Administrative Authority.

M2 Except as provided in M3, when a public sewer or storm drain of adequate capacity is available for use, swimming pool waste water shall be discharged thereinto and permission shall be obtained in writing from the proper authority to do so. A copy of such permission stating the maximum size of the waste line between the receptor and the sewer, and other specific requirements, shall accompany any applications for a permit made to the Administrative Authority.

M3 Where space and conditions are such that no hazard, nuisance or unsanitary condition is evidenced, swimming pool waste water may be used for irrigation by surface or subsurface spreading.

M4 When no other means of waste water disposal is available, a drywell may be installed. Each such drywell shall be constructed in the manner prescribed for cesspools in Appendix K of this Code, and drywells receiving only filter backwash shall have a capacity of at least twice the amount of effluent discharged during one (1) normal backwash operation, but shall in no case have less than a five (5) foot (1.5m) vertical sidewall. When pool emptying or other drains are proposed, the size and leaching capacity of such drywell shall be proportionately increased to the satisfaction of the Administrative Authority. No waste water other than that from swimming pool shall discharge into any such drywell and no waste water from any swimming pool shall discharge into a private sewage disposal system.

M5 No direct connection shall be made between any storm drain, sewer, drainage system, drywell or subsoil irrigation line and any line connected to a swimming pool.

M6 Waste water from any filter, scum gutter overflow, pool emptying line or similar apparatus or appurtenance shall discharge into an approved type receptor. The flood level rim of each such receptor shall be at least six (6) inches (152.4mm) above the flood level of the adjacent ground. Each such receptor, when permitted to be connected to any part of a drainage system shall be provided with a three (3) inch (76.2mm) trap.

M7 Except as provided in M8, the discharge outlet terminal from any pool or filter shall be protected from backflow by an air gap at least six (6) inches (152.4mm) above the flood rim of the receptor.

M8 No scum gutter drain, overflow drain, backwash discharge drain, or pool emptying line shall enter any receptor below the rim unless the pool piping at its deepest point, the bottom of the filters, and the bottom of the scum gutter drain trough or overflow inlets are at least six (6) inches (152.4mm) above the overflow rim of the receptor.

M9 A positive point of potable water supply to each swimming pool shall be established and shall be installed as required by Chapter 6 of this Code.

M10 Plans for other than private swimming pools shall be approved by the Health Officer before any water supply or waste discharge permit is issued.

NOTE: The foregoing applies only to outdoor swimming, bathing, or wading pools. Plans and specifications for all indoor installations shall be submitted to the Administrative Authority for approval prior to the commencement of any work, and all piping, equipment and construction shall be equal to the types prescribed in the Installation Requirements of this Code for indoor work.”

SECTION 7

That Article 1, of Chapter 9, of Division 8 of the Torrance Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and a new Article 1, Chapter 9, Division 8 is added in its entirety to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE

Section 89.1.1 Adoption of California Mechanical Code.

“That certain document in book form, entitled “California Mechanical Code, 2007 Edition”, and Appendices A, B, C, and D of the Code, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and The California Building Standards Commission, not less than one (1) copy of which has been and is now filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended by this ordinance, are hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance as the Mechanical Code of the City of Torrance.”

SECTION 8

That Sections 89.2.2 and 89.2.3 of the Torrance Municipal Code are hereby repealed in their entirety and new Sections 89.2.2 and 89.2.3 are added to read in their entirety as follows:

Section 89.2.2 Fees. [Administrative]

Section 108.4.2 of the California Mechanical Code, 2007 Edition, is deleted in its entirety.

Section 89.2.3 Roof Mounted Equipment Platforms. [Climatic]

Section 904.10.1.4 of the California Mechanical Code, 2007 Edition, is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

“ 904.10.1.4 Roof Mounted Equipment Platforms. All roof mounted equipment shall be located on raised platforms to allow clearance for reroofing. The Building Official shall institute design specification for platforms on various roof configurations.”

SECTION 9

Any provisions of the Torrance Municipal Code, or appendices thereto, or any other ordinances of the City inconsistent herewith to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 11

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) or six (6) months in the County Jail of Los Angeles County, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 12

This ordinance will take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days following adoption, this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance, if authorized by the City Council, will be published at least once in the Daily Breeze, a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

Introduced and approved the 20th day of November, 2007.

Adopted and passed this _____ day of December, 2007.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

Mayor Frank Scotto
ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

Ordinance Summary

TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 3704

On December 4, 2007 the City Council of the City of Torrance adopted Ordinance No. 3704 as follows:

1. Adopts by reference the edition of the California Building Code, 2007 edition, volumes 1 and 2 with appendices, the 2007 edition of the California Electrical Code, the 2007 edition of the California Mechanical Code and the 2007 edition of the California Plumbing Code, each with appendices.
2. The amendments to these uniform codes include the following subjects: authority of the Building Official, certain excepted work fees, certificates of occupancy, fire ratings, smoke detectors, fire extinguisher systems, group occupancies, power sources for smoke control, stairs to roof, vestibules, light and ventilation, roof drainage, roof cementing materials, seismic regulation, foundation investigation, diaphragm dimension ratios, chimneys, excavation and fill hazards, definitions and other grading requirements, bonds and fees.
3. Certain definitions and regulations related to the California Electrical Code and concerning such things as permits, fees, covering of work, corrections, disconnection and installation, materials, service and ratings and service grounds.
4. Certain definitions and regulations related to the California Plumbing Code, such as authority, permits, fees, plastic pipes, drainage systems, vents, rainwater systems and swimming pools.
5. Certain definitions and regulations related to the California Mechanical Code, such as fees and roof mounted equipment.
6. All violations of the uniform codes adopted by this ordinance are misdemeanors.

*****City Clerk to add a paragraph stating that copies of the ordinance are available at the City Clerk's office and stating the names of the City Council members that voted in favor and those that voted against.*****