

The Building Code for the County of Santa Cruz shall be the latest printing of the 2007 Edition of the California Building Code, also known as Part 2 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, including those appendices or portions thereof specifically adopted by a state agency or specifically adopted by the ordinance codified in this section, but excluding other appendices, subject to the following changes and exceptions:

(a) **Administrative amendment - Work exempt from permits.** Appendix Chapter 1, Section 105.2 of the 2007 California Building Code and referred to in Chapter 1, Section 108.4.1 of the 2007 California Building Code, is hereby deleted. For list of exempt work, see Section 12.10.315 of this Chapter.

(b) **Administrative amendment - Appeals Board.** Section 108.8 of the 2007 California Building Code, entitled "Appeals Board", is deleted. (See Chapter 12.12 and Chapter 2.100 of the Santa Cruz County Code.)

(c) **Administrative amendment - Definition of Structure for Section 1802.** Section 1802.1 of the 2007 California Building Code, is amended to read as follows:

General. Foundations and soils investigations shall be conducted in conformance with Sections 1802.2 through 1802.8. Where required by the Building Official, the classification and investigation of the soil shall be made by a registered design professional.

Definitions. The following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this section, have the meanings shown herein.

STRUCTURE. Any of the following:

- A single-family or multi-family dwelling or habitable accessory building
- A commercial building, industrial building or critical facility
- An addition to any of the above which is located on slopes greater than 20%, located on fill, located in an area of potential liquefaction, or located in a flood plain, floodway or coastal high hazard zone
- An addition to a single-family or multi-family dwelling or habitable accessory building greater than 500 square feet
- An addition to a commercial building or industrial building greater than 250 square feet
- Any repair, reconstruction, alteration, addition, or improvement of a habitable building that modifies or replaces more than fifty (50) percent of the total length of the exterior walls, exclusive of interior and exterior wall coverings and the replacing of windows or doors without altering their openings. This allows a total modification or replacement of up to fifty (50) percent, measured as described above, whether the work is done at one time or as the sum of multiple projects during the life of the building

- The addition of habitable space to any building, where the addition increases the habitable space by more than fifty (50) percent over the existing habitable space, measured in square feet. This allows a total increase of up to fifty (50) percent of the original habitable space of a building, whether the additions are constructed at one time or as the sum of multiple additions during the life of the building
- An addition of any size to a building that is located on a coastal bluff, dune, or in the coastal hazard area, that extends the existing building in a seaward direction
- Installation of a new foundation for a habitable building
- The repair, replacement, or upgrade of an existing foundation of a habitable building that affects more than fifty (50) percent of the foundation (measured in linear feet for perimeter foundations, square feet for slab foundations, or fifty (50) percent of the total number of piers), or an addition to an existing foundation that adds more than fifty (50) percent of the original foundation area. This allows repair, upgrade, or addition up to fifty (50) percent, measured as described above, whether the work is performed at one time or as the sum of multiple projects during the life of the building
- Any change of use from non-habitable to habitable use, according to the definition of "habitable" found in Section 16.10.040 of the Santa Cruz County Code, or a change of use from any non-critical facility to a critical facility
- Any alteration of any building posted "Unsafe to Occupy" due to geologic hazards
- Retaining walls which require a building permit, retaining walls that function as a part of a landslide repair whether or not a building permit is required, sea walls, and gravity walls
- Bridges
- Water tanks greater than 10,000 gallons
- Above ground commercial storage facilities for hazardous or flammable material
- Any other construction for which the Building Official deems a soils report is necessary.

(d) Administrative amendment – Definition of Public Pool for Section 3102B.

Section 3102B of Chapter 31B—Public Swimming Pools— of the 2007 California Building Code is hereby amended to replace the definition of "Public Pool" to read as follows:

Public Swimming Pool means a swimming pool operated for the use of the general public with or without charge, or for the use of the members and guests of a private club. Public swimming pool does not include a swimming pool located on the grounds of a private single-family home.

(e) UWIC amendment.

Section 704A.5.1 of Chapter 7A of the 2007 California Building Code is hereby amended to read as follows: