

**CITY OF GRASS VALLEY  
MEMORANDUM FOR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2007**

**TO:** Members, City Council  
VIA: Jeff Foltz, City Administrator

**FROM:** Joe C. Heckel, Community Development Director  
Rick McManis, Building Official

**SUBJECT:** Introduction of Ordinance to Adopt 2007 California Building Standard Codes and amend Municipal Code, Title 15, Chapters 15.02 to 15.06

**RECOMMENDATION:** Conduct public hearing and waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety and read by title only (requires unanimous voice vote) and introduce the ordinance to amend City Municipal Code 15.02 to 15.06 and adopt the 2007 California Building Codes

**BACKGROUND:** The intent of this public hearing is to consider the adoption of the 2007 California Building Standards Code and our local amendments to these building codes for the City of Grass Valley. The State of California typically updates the Building Codes every 3 years as the building industry adjusts to new materials, construction methods and development approaches. In July of 2007, the California Building Standards Commissions endorsed and adopted the 2007 California Building Standard Codes Title 24. The approval of the 2007 version of the Building Code prompts all municipalities in the State of California to repeal the older 2001 California Building Code and adopt the 2007 version by January 1, 2008. The codes being recommended for adoption include the 2007 Building Standards Code Title 24 Parts 1 through 12; 2006 Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Code; 2006 International Property Maintenance Code and local amendments. If the 2007 version of the California Building Code is not approved by a municipality, it becomes automatically adopted for the community.

As with most communities, the City of Grass Valley approves each updated version of the California Building Code with certain amendments. In preparing for the adoption of the 2007 California Building Codes, staff from the City Building and Engineering and the Fire Department held a meetings to discuss any code revisions particular to Grass Valley. City and Fire Department staff still supports our local modifications as they were adopted in past code updates specific to administrative policy, with only minor amendments being added that vest grading and enforcement powers jointly between the Building Official, Fire Department and City Engineer. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

cc: Members, Planning Commission  
Executive Director, Nevada County Contractors Association (NCCA)  
Brian Washko, Director of Building, Nevada County  
Mary Ann Mueller, Chamber of Commerce  
Nevada County Realtor's Association  
Howard Levine, Grass Valley Downtown Association

**Attachments:**

- 1) Proposed ordinance amending Title 15, Building Codes and Construction
- 2) Grass Valley Building Division FAQ on 2007 Building Code Update