



LOCAL BUILDING ENERGY STANDARDS

SINGLE FAMILY, DUPLEX, AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT NEW CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

These building standards have been established to ensure that new construction in San Carlos is healthier for occupants, has limited impact on the environment, reduces demand for energy, and results in cost savings from building operation over the life of the building. This guide is intended to help applicants understand the process and specific local requirements that apply to their project.

PROJECT PROCESS

1 PROJECT DESIGN

It is important for project owners, architects, engineers, and designers to understand the applicable state and local building requirements prior to project design. Early consideration of these standards allows for design of buildings and systems that are compliant, energy efficient, and cost effective, and minimizes back and forth when applying for the project permit.

2 PLANNING APPLICATION (IF REQUIRED)

If your project is subject to planning review, be prepared to identify in your planning application what compliance methods you have selected and how you plan to meet the requirements. If you anticipate difficulties meeting the requirements outlined in the Local Building Energy Standards Checklist, these concerns and any requests for exemptions should be identified in your planning application.

3 INITIAL BUILDING PERMIT SUBMITTAL

Include the following on your plans as part of your initial application for a building permit:

- Completed Local Building Energy Standards Checklist (*page 2 of this document*)
- Completed CALGreen Checklist, with plan sheet references where applicable
- Title 24, Part 6 energy calculations demonstrating compliance with one of the energy efficiency compliance methods

4 FINAL INSPECTION

When the project is completed, resubmit Local Building Energy Standards Checklists to reflect “as-is” conditions.

DEFINITION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AND SUBSTANTIAL REBUILDS

Removal or substantial modification of more than 50 percent of existing framing or 50 percent of the existing foundation shall be considered demolition of the building triggering the local energy standard requirements.

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PROJECT ADDRESS: _____

APN: _____ APPLICANT NAME: _____

1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ELECTRIFICATION

Note: all projects must comply with mandatory elements of the 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards as well as the local requirements specified at San Carlos Municipal Code Section 15.04.080 and 15.04.125

- All-Electric**
 - No natural gas or propane appliances
 - No gas meters or propane infrastructure
 - Compliance with energy efficiency standards required by the State (no additional local energy efficiency requirements)
 - Exception: Specify natural gas end use and reason for exception: _____
 - Gas cooking appliance or fireplace

2. GREEN BUILDING

- The permit application includes a completed CALGreen checklist

3. ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING AND READINESS

- Complies with California Green Building Standards Code 4.106.4;
AND
- Complies with local EV charging requirements as specified below:
 - At least 1 parking space per dwelling unit is Level 2 EV Ready
 - At least 1 parking space per dwelling unit has an EV Level 1 charging circuit installed (if containing a second parking space)

* Definitions

- EV Level 1: a minimum 110V, 20A circuit
- EV Level 2: a minimum 208V, 40A circuit
- EV Capable: a parking space equipped with raceway and electrical panel capacity to support a future EV charging station
- EV Ready: a parking space equipped with raceway, wiring, receptacle, and electrical capacity to support a future EV charging station

4. VERIFICATION

This form has been completed by _____ (name) of _____ (company), for the above listed project who verifies that it accurately represents the project plans.

Signature

Date