



## **Special Announcement:**

### **New Building Codes Become Effective on January 1, 2017**

All applications for building permits submitted on or after January 1, 2017 must comply with 2016 California Building Standards Code.

#### **General:**

The City of Gardena Building & Safety Department uses the following codes in the plan check process and in field inspections.

- **2016 California Administrative Code** – Part 1 (CAC)
- **2016 California Building Code** – Part 2 (CBC)
- **2016 California Residential Code** – Part 2. (CRC)
- **2016 California Electrical Code** – Part 3 (CEC)
- **2016 California Mechanical Code** – Part 4 (CMC)
- **2016 California Plumbing Code** - Part 5 (CPC)
- **2016 California Energy Code** – Part 6 (CEC)
- **2016 California Historical Building Code** – Part 8 (CHBC)
- **2016 California Fire Code** - Part 9 (CFC)
- **2016 California Existing Building Code** – Part 10 (CEBC)
- **2016 California Green Building Standards Code** – Part 11 (CalGreen)
- **2016 California Reference Standards Code** – Part 12

Structures are governed by the Code that was in effect at the time of application for building permit. Consequently, any building permitted, or in plan review, under the previous Code will be governed by that Code, *provided* that the application or permit does not expire.

All projects submitted before or on December 31, 2016, are permitted to comply with the 2013 Edition of the California Building Standards Code.

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#### **Design Criteria:**

In addition, for structures in Gardena, design for the following requirements:

- Seismic Design Category: "D2 or E"
- Basic Wind Speed: 85 mph (3-second gust), Exposure "C"
- Climate Zone: 8

Please call the Building Department at (310) 217-9530 if you have other questions.

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