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## Emergency Housing Code

**Sonoma County Permit and Resource  
Management Department**



# Overview

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- Proposing Local Code Amendments
- Flexibility and Alternatives
- Emergency Housing

# Emergency Housing Code

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- California Model Building Codes
- Sonoma County adopted in December 2019
- State Law Allows Amendments
- Proposing Local Amendments

# Model Code

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- Model Codes
  - CBC Appendix O
  - CRC Appendix X
- Govern Emergency Housing
  - Design
  - Construction
  - Maintenance
- Life Safety, Fire Protection, Accessibility

# Sonoma County Adoption

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- November/December 2019
- 2019 Model Codes
- Effective January 2020

# State Law

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- California Government Code § 8698.1
- Declared Housing Emergency
- Suspend State Regulations
- Enact Similar Standards
- Public Health and Safety is Ensured

# Proposed Local Amendments

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- Proposing Amendments:
  - CBC Appendix O
  - CRC Appendix X
  
- Square Footage per Occupant
- Existing Buildings
- Heating within Tents
- Allowing Alternatives



# Process

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- Propose Amendments
- Public Outreach with Stakeholders
- Board of Supervisors Approval

# Alternatives / Examples

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- Sleeping Cabins
- Tents / Membrane Structures
- Transportable Housing Units
- Housing within Existing Structures

# Summary

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- Existing State Building Code
- State Law Allows Amendments
- Proposing Local Amendments
- Seeking Board Approval

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# Discussion / Questions



# Other Local Jurisdictions

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- City of Berkeley
- City of Los Angeles
- City of Oakland
- City of San Jose
- County of Santa Clara
- City & County of San Francisco
  
- Similar but Different Modifications

# Stakeholder Outreach

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- Burbank Housing
- Catholic Charities
- Community Development Commission
- Engineering Contractors Association
- North Coast Builders Exchange
- Saint Vincent DePaul
- Sonoma County General Services