



General Information

Effective **January 1, 2008**, the 2007 Edition of the California Codes of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9 are in effect. In accordance with State law, the City of Livermore enforces the following California Codes:

2007 California Building Code	(2006 International Building Code)
2007 California Electrical Code	(2005 National Electrical Code)
2007 California Energy Code	
2007 California Mechanical Code	(2006 Uniform Mechanical Code)
2007 California Plumbing Code	(2006 Uniform Plumbing Code)
2007 California Fire Code	(2006 International Fire Code)

Due to local climatic, geologic and/or topographical conditions and in accordance with Section 101.8.1 of 2007 CBC, the City of Livermore has modified various code sections. See Ordinance No. 1833, Chapters 15.02 thru 15.14 for local amendments. Some local amendments include:

1. Require automatic fire-extinguishing systems for **all** new buildings including residential single family dwellings (secondary dwelling units are exempt if primary house is not sprinklered).
2. Require all new roof coverings to be a minimum Class" B" fire retardant.
3. Amend portions of Chapter 16 of CBC on Structural Design for local conditions.
4. Amend portions of Chapter 23 of CBC on Wood Construction for local conditions.
5. The use of Portland cement plaster (7/8" stucco) for Conventional Framing wall bracing systems is limited to one-story single-family dwellings and utility occupancies.
6. Prohibiting water lines to be installed under concrete slab floors whenever possible.

You can obtain a copy of our local ordinance online at www.ci.livermore.ca.us or at the Permit Center Counter.

Design requirements for buildings shall use the following criteria:

Wind Load:	Exposure C – 85 mph
Seismic Design Category:	D
Soil Bearing Value:	1,500 pounds psf (+)
Climate Zone:	12

(+) Higher soil bearing value may be justified through a soils report prepared by a registered geotechnical engineer)

Alternate for Materials, Design, Tests and Methods of Construction

Alternates to the code may be considered under the provisions of the 2007 CBC, for "alternate material, appliance, installation, device, arrangement, method, design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code" on a case-by-case basis.

Construction Debris

The City has a Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D) Ordinance that requires all residential and commercial construction valued at \$300,000 or more to recycle or reuse at least 50% of construction, renovation and/or demolition debris generated by construction projects.

Construction Noise

The City has a Noise Ordinance that regulates construction noise. Work that generates noise cannot begin before 7:00 am and cannot continue after 8:00 pm Monday through Friday and 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday. No construction noise is permitted on Sunday and Holidays. Homeowners are allowed to do construction on their own homes from 7:00am to 11:00 pm seven days a week.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Permit Center at (925) 960-4410.

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