

RESOLUTION NO. 02-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
FINDING THOSE ITEMS LISTED BELOW AS FACTS IN COMPLIANCE OF THE
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 17910, FOR ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS
TO THE 1997 EDITIONS OF THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1999 NATIONAL
ELECTRICAL CODE AND 2000 EDITIONS OF THE PLUMBING,
MECHANICAL AND FIRES CODES

WHEREAS, in November of 2002, the City Council for the City of Paso Robles adopted the 1997 Editions of the Uniform Building Code, 1999 National Electrical Code and 2000 Editions of the plumbing, mechanical and Fire Codes, with amendments, which were appropriate for the time; and

WHEREAS, the State Building Standards Act (Health and Safety Code Section 17958.7) requires that local agencies must cite reasons for amending codes based on geographical, topographical or climatic reasons existing in the area; and

WHEREAS, The following conditions exist, making necessary amendments to the 1997 Editions of the Uniform Building and Fire Codes;

1. The City of Paso Robles lies within the inland coastal zone and is subject to extreme weather conditions, including summer temperatures consistently in excess of 100 degrees. This climatic condition, when teamed with hot dry winds from the north-west, which are historically noted to obtain speeds in excess of seventy miles per hour, greatly enhances the ability for fire to spread rapidly, and creates the need for more restrictive design and loading criteria than currently outlined in the code.
2. The ever-continuing increase in traffic within our City has hampered and clogged response routes, adding the potential for increased response times for fire and emergency apparatus. This is again compounded topographically, through the bisection of the City by the Salinas River, as access to the rapidly growing eastern portion of the City is via two, two lane concrete bridges. Should these bridges become impassable due to flooding or earthquake, response to this portion of the City could be delayed for hours until alternate overland routes are searched out and established. Therefore it is imperative that more restrictive amendments be made to the code, providing additional structural safety and resistance to fire in order to provide for the public safety.
3. As the City of Paso Robles geographically lies in close proximity to both the Parkfield and San Andres fault, it is imperative that the potential for disaster be reckoned with and necessary adjustments made to those codes and ordinances adopted by the City to mitigate any potential loss of life should these established faults result in a high magnitude earthquake.
4. Changes in Climatic conditions throughout the State of California, resulting in periodic drought conditions and increasingly cold winters, has made necessary to amend the Uniform Plumbing Code to establish specific water conservation measures and to provide minimum standards for freeze protection.

As a result of these topographical, geographical and climatic conditions, the City has determined it in the best interest of the public health and safety to amend the Uniform Building, Plumbing and Fire Codes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Paso Robles does hereby resolve the above factors to be true and factual, and order same to be recorded as so.

MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any judicial review of this decision must be made within the time set forth in Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 5th day of November 2002 by the following vote:

AYES:	Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk