

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County )  
Building Code )

ORDER NO. 92-2019

WHEREAS, Columbia County administers the State Building and Specialty Codes and additional regulations under the Columbia County Building Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3B of the Columbia County Building Code Ordinance, the Board may, by order or resolution, adopt subsequent editions of the State Building Code and additional related codes as necessary to stay current with state statutes and administrative rules or as otherwise may be in the best interests of the citizenry of Columbia County, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, State Building and Specialty Codes apply statewide and are no longer required to be adopted by municipalities, as defined in ORS 455.010(5) to include counties; and

WHEREAS, ORS 455.020(4) provides that the State Building and Specialty Codes do not limit the authority of municipalities to enact regulations providing for local administration of the State Building Code; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County administers the State Building and Specialty Codes as authorized by ORS Sections 455.153, 445.185, 447.020(2), 455.020(2), 455.525, 455.570, 455.610 to 455.635, 456.915 to 456.950, 460.085, 460.360, 479.730(1) and 480; and

WHEREAS, State Building and Specialty Codes allow municipalities with delegated Building Inspection Programs to adopt related local regulations that are more restrictive than the current state codes; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Oregon Structural Specialty Code ("OSSC") Chapter 1, Scope and Administration, provides a narrower scope of authority for administering the State Building Code than the 2014 OSSC, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration. The 2019 OSSC identifies twenty-six (26) types of buildings and structures that will not be regulated by the code, which were regulated under the 2014 OSSC. The State Building Code Division made this change based on a finding that it only has authority to regulate buildings and structures used for human occupancy pursuant to ORS 455.020; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County Building Official recommends that the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners adopt the 2014 OSSC Chapter 1 into the County Building Code to allow the County to maintain its current scope of authority under 2014 OSSC. The Building Official also recommends other amendments to the County Building Code to reflect that the State Building Code and Specialty Codes are automatically adopted pursuant to statute; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is in the best interests of the citizenry of Columbia County to adopt Chapter 1 of the 2014 OSSC and amend the Columbia County Building Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Columbia County Building Code is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. This order shall be effective on January 1, 2020.

DATED this 18 day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]  
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: [Signature]  
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: [Signature]  
Alex Tardif, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: [Signature]  
Office of County Counsel

## EXHIBIT A

### AMENDMENTS TO COLUMBIA COUNTY BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE

The Columbia County Building Ordinance is hereby amended as follows with added text shown in **bold** and deleted text shown in ~~strikethrough~~:

#### SECTION 3. CODES ADOPTED.

- A. The State Building Code and additional related codes **apply statewide pursuant to ORS 455.040.** ~~are hereby adopted and are incorporated into this ordinance by this reference.~~ These codes, and other provisions authorized by ORS Sections 445.185, 447.020(2), 455.020(2), 455.525, 455.570, 455.610 to 455.635, 456.915 to 456.950, 460.085, 460.360, 479.730(1) and 480.535 shall have the same force and effect as though their entire text were fully written or inserted into this ordinance. ~~These codes include, but are not limited to the following:~~
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  4. ~~The “Oregon One and Two Family Dwelling Specialty Code, 1989 Edition”;~~
  5. ~~The Energy Conservation Rules adopted pursuant to ORS 455.525 and 455.560 to 455.595;~~
  6. ~~The Rules Regulating Mobile Home Parks and Manufactured Dwelling Parks adopted pursuant to ORS 446.062 and applicable administrative rules in OAR Chapter 914;~~
  2. ~~7.~~ The Standards and Specifications for Accessibility to Disabled Persons provided for by ORS 447.210 to 447.280 and applicable administrative rules;
  3. ~~8.~~ The **1997 “Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings”** sponsored by the International Conference of Building Officials; and

***[See Order No. 13-2011]***

- 4. 9. Chapter 70, “Excavation and Grading”, of the Appendix to the “Uniform Building Code, 1988 Edition” sponsored by the International Conference of building Officials. The 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code, Appendix G, Flood-resistant Construction, and Appendix J, Grading.**

***[See Order No. 13-2011].***

***[Renumber Sections “3.B” and “3.C” to Section “3.C” and “3.D.”]***

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