

General Information

Effective **January 1, 2026**, the 2025 Edition of the California Codes of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 11 are in effect. In accordance with State law, the City of Livermore enforces the following California Codes:

2025 California Building Code	(2024 International Building Code)
2025 California Electrical Code	(2023 National Electrical Code)
2025 California Mechanical Code	(2024 Uniform Mechanical Code)
2025 California Plumbing Code	(2024 Uniform Plumbing Code)
2025 California Fire Code	(2024 International Fire Code)
2025 California Residential Code	(2024 International Residential Code)
2025 California Energy Code	
2025 California Green Building Standards Code	
2025 California Wildland–Urban Interface Code	

Due to local climatic, geologic and/or topographical conditions and in accordance with Section 1.1.8 of 2025 CBC, the City of Livermore has modified various code sections. See Ordinance No. 2181, Chapters 15.02 thru 15.94 for local amendments. Some local amendments include:

1. Require all new roof coverings to be a minimum Class “B” fire retardant.
2. Amend portions of Chapter 16 of CBC on Structural Design for local conditions.
3. Amend portions of Chapter 17 of CBC on Special Inspections for local conditions.
4. Amend portions of Chapter 19 of CBC on use of Plain Concrete in Basement Walls for local conditions
5. Prohibiting water lines to be installed under concrete slab floors whenever possible.
6. Amend portions of CRC for Foundation Reinforcing, Seismic Bracing and Minimum Class B Roofing for local conditions.

You can obtain a copy of our local ordinance online at www.livermoreca.gov or at the Permit Center Counter.

Design requirements for buildings shall use the following criteria:

Wind Load:	Exposure C – 85 mph <i>Vasd</i> 110 mph <i>Vult</i>
Seismic Design Category:	D
Soil Bearing Value:	1,500 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 may be considered under the provisions of the 2025 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 an exclusive franchise agreement with Livermore Sanitation Inc. for the removal and disposal of all construction material. Livermore Sanitation Inc. provides annual reports to the City of Livermore to ensure the local and statewide recycling targets are met. Livermore Sanitation is located at 7000 National Drive, Livermore, CA 94550. Contact Livermore Sanitation at 925-449-7300 or fax: 925-449-3300.

Office hours: Monday-Friday 7am-5pm.

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.