

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE LAKE COUNTY CODE AND ADOPTING  
BY REFERENCE**

**THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, KNOWN AS THE CALIFORNIA  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PARTS 1 THROUGH 6, 8 THROUGH 12,  
INCORPORATING**

**THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE 24 PART 1;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, TITLE 24 PART 2;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, TITLE 24 PART 2.5;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, TITLE 24 PART 3;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, TITLE 24 PART 4;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, TITLE 24 PART 5;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE, TITLE 24 PART 6;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE, TITLE 24 PART  
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**THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, TITLE 24 PART 9;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, TITLE 24 PART 10;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING CODE, TITLE 24 PART 11;  
THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE, TITLE 24,  
PART 12;**

**THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE, TITLE 24,  
PART 7;**

**THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.**

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section One:** The following specified sections of Article I of Chapter 5 of the Lake County Code are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec 5-3. Definitions.** Part j is hereby amended to read as follows:

(j) *Exempt Agricultural Buildings* shall mean a property that is ten (10) acres or more and being used primarily for agricultural uses. The agricultural structure will be used to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock, or other horticultural products. The structure shall not be a place of human habitation or a place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated, or packaged, nor shall it be used by the public.

**Sec. 5-4. Adoption of Codes.**

**4.1** The County hereby adopts and makes a part of the chapter by reference the 2025 California Building Standards Code, the 2025 California Administrative Code, the 2025 California Building Code, the 2025 California Residential Building Code, the 2025 California Electrical Code, the 2025 California Mechanical Code, the 2025 California Plumbing Code, the 2025 California Energy Code, the 2025 California Historical Building Code, the 2025 California Fire Code, the 2025 California Existing Building Code, the 2025 California Green Building Code, the 2025 California Referenced Standards Code, the 2025 Wildland-Urban Interface Code and the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code.

**Sec. 5-4A. – Adoption of Building Code.**

**4A.1** That certain Building Code known and designated as the 2025 California Building Code and Appendices, B: Board of Appeals, G: Flood Resistant Construction, H: Signs, as based on the 2024 International Building Code, which is published by the International Code Council (ICC), is adopted and enacted as the Building Code of the County of Lake and is made a part of this chapter by reference with same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec. 5-4 B. Adoption of Residential Code.**

**4B.1** That certain Building Code known and designated as the 2025 California Residential Code and Appendices, AA: Board of appeals, BI: Light Straw-Clay Construction, BK: COB Construction (Monolithic Adobe), BM: 3D-Printed Building Construction, as based on the 2024 International Building Code, which is published by the International Code Council (ICC), is adopted and enacted as the Residential Code of the County of Lake and is made a part of this chapter by reference with same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec, 5-4C. Adoption of California Electrical Code.**

**4C.1** That certain Electrical Code known and designated as the 2025 California Electrical Code, as based on the 2022 National Electrical Code, published by the

National Fire Protection Association, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Electrical Code of the County of Lake and is made a part of this Chapter by reference with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec. 5-4D. Adoption of California Plumbing Code.**

**4D.1** That certain Plumbing Code and Appendix, G: Sizing of Venting Systems, known and designated as The 2025 California Plumbing Code, as based on the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code which is published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Plumbing Code of the County of Lake and is made a part of this chapter by reference with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec. 5-4E. Adoption of California Mechanical Code.**

**4E.1** That certain Mechanical Code known and designated as the 2025 California Mechanical Code, as based on the 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code which is published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Mechanical Code of the County of Lake, and is made a part of this chapter by reference, with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec. 5-4F. Adoption of California Fire Code.**

**4F.1** That certain Fire Code known and designated as the 2025 California Fire Code and Appendix A: Board of Appeals, as based on the 2024 International Fire Code which is published by the International Code Council (ICC), is hereby adopted and enacted as the Fire Code of the County of Lake, and is made a part of this chapter by reference, with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**4F.2 The California Fire Code is hereby modified as follows:**

**4F.2 (a) Fireworks.** Chapter 56 of the California Fire Code as based on the 2024 International Fire Code which is published by the International Code Council (ICC), is hereby adopted and enacted as the Fire Code of the County of Lake, and is made a

part of this chapter by reference, with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein except as otherwise provided hereinbelow:

**4F.2(b)(1) Prohibition.** The possession, manufacture, storage, sale, handling, exploding, and use of Fireworks, as defined in Section 5.3(k) herein, are prohibited except for the following:

- (1) The storage and handling of Fireworks as allowed in section 5604 of the California Fire Code.
- (2) Manufacture, assembly and testing of fireworks as allowed in Section 5605 of the California Fire Code and Health and Safety Code.
- (3) The use of fireworks for fireworks displays pyrotechnics before a proximate audience and pyrotechnic special effects in motion pictures, television, theatrical or group entertainment productions as allowed in Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 6 Fireworks reprinted in Section 5608 of the California Fire Code and Health and Safety Code Division 11. The character, location, and related arrangements for the display shall be such that in the opinion of approving authority, such display shall not constitute a hazard to persons or property. It shall further require that applications for permits shall be made in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed date of display and that residents who reside within the community where the fireworks display will take place and in communities within a five-mile radius of that community are notified of the fireworks display by the applicant through the placement of posters at three (3) public places in each affected community (e.g., Post Office, Grocery Store, Senior Center) at least ten (10) days prior to the display; however, organized professional fireworks displays on the 4th of July holiday and New Year's Eve shall be exempt from such notification requirements. Proof of postings shall be furnished to and verified by the appropriate Fire District.

**4F.2(b)(2) is added.**

**Penalty.** A violation of any of the provisions of this article is punishable as an infraction by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or as a misdemeanor by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**4F.2(b)3 is added.**

**Violation by Parent or Guardian.** Any parent, guardian, or other adult person having lawful custody, permanent or temporary, of any minor person who suffers, permits, or lets either willfully or negligently, such minor person to violate the provisions of this Section shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Section and punishable as provided in Section 5-4F.2(b)(2) above.

**Sec. 5-4G. Adoption of California Green Building Code.**

**4G.1** That certain Building Code known and designated as the 2025 California Green Building Code, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Green Building Code of the County of Lake and is made a part of the chapter by reference with same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, except as otherwise provided herein below.

**4G.2 The California Green Building Code is hereby modified as follows:**

Section 5.106.8 **Light pollution reduction**, of Chapter 5 of the 2025 California Green Building Code is amended to add 5.106.8 (5) as follows:

Outdoor lighting systems shall be designed and installed to comply with the following:

1. The minimum requirements in the California Energy Code for Lighting Zones 0-4 as defined in Chapter 10, Section 10-114 of the California Administrative Code; and
2. Backlight (B) ratings as defined in IES TM-15-11 (shown in Table A-1 in Chapter 8);
3. Up light and Glare ratings as defined in California Energy Code (shown in Tables 130.2-A and 130.2-B in Chapter 8) and
4. Allowable BUG ratings not exceeding those shown in Table 5.106.8 [N], or Comply with a local ordinance lawfully enacted pursuant to Section 101.7, whichever is more stringent.

5. Light fixtures must direct light downward and not allow light to escape in an upward direction.

Exceptions:

1. Luminaires that qualify as exceptions in Sections 130.2(b) and 140.7 of the California Energy Code.
2. Emergency lighting.
3. Building facade meeting the requirements in Table 140.7-B of the California Energy Code, Part 6.
4. Custom lighting features as allowed by the local enforcing agency, as permitted by Section 101.8 Alternate materials, designs and methods of construction.
5. Luminaires with less than 6,200 initial luminaire lumens.

**Sec. 5-4H. Adoption of California Energy Code.**

**4H.1** That certain code known and designated as the 2025 California Energy Code and Appendix 1A, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Energy Code of the County of Lake, and is made a part of this Chapter by reference with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec. 5-4I. Adoption of California Administrative Code.**

**4I.1** That certain code known and designated as the 2025 California Administrative Code, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Administrative Code of the County of Lake and is made a part of this Chapter by reference with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec. 5-4J. Adoption of California Historical Building Code.**

**4J.1** That certain code known and designated as the 2025 California Historical Building Code, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Historical Building Code of the County of Lake, and is made a part of this Chapter by reference with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec. 5-4K. Adoption of California Existing Building Code.**

**4K.1** That certain code known and designated as the 2025 California Existing Building Code, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Existing Building Code of the County of Lake, and is made a part of this Chapter by reference with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec. 5-4L. - Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code.**

**4L.1** That certain code known and designated as the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Property Maintenance Code of the County of Lake and is made a part of this chapter by reference with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

**Sec. 5-4N. Adoption of California Referenced Standards Code.**

**4N.1** That certain code known and designated as the 2025 California Referenced Standards Code, is hereby adopted and enacted as the Referenced Standards Code of the County of Lake, and is made a part of this Chapter by reference with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

The following specified sections of **Sec. 5-6. – Miscellaneous Restrictions.** are amended to read as follows:

6.13 This chapter does not apply to any of the following:

(a) No building permit will be required for a one-story detached accessory structure of one hundred and twenty (120) square feet or less, with a height above grade that does not exceed twelve (12) feet which is used as a playhouse, storage building for garden tools or other similar implements, or related use and not used for human occupancy.

This exception shall not apply to plumbing or electrical installations in such building, nor shall this exemption apply in a Mobile-Home Park. Zoning and other clearances are still required.

(b) Buildings or structures erected by any Governmental agency, provided however, that plans and specifications for such construction shall be submitted to the Building and

Safety Division for review and approval, Permits shall be granted in all such cases without inspection or fee.”

**Section Two:** All ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and no further.

**Section Three:** The Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines that this Ordinance has been assessed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code, § 21000 et seq.) (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15000 et seq.) and is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines, § 15061(b)(3), which exempts from CEQA any project where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Adoption of the proposed Ordinance would not be an activity with potential to cause significant adverse effect on the environment because the changes made herein will have no significant effect on the environment.

**Section Four:** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after its passage but no later than \_\_\_\_\_2026, and prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the passage thereof, shall be published once in the Record-Bee, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the County of Lake.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake on the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and passed by the following vote on the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

COUNTY OF LAKE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR, Board of Supervisors

Ordinance No \_\_\_\_\_



ATTEST:

SUSAN R. PARKER

Clerk of the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lloyd Guintivano

County Counsel

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

