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2010 GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODES **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Menlo Park has adopted local amendments to the **2010 California Green Building Standards Codes** (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 11) known as **Cal Green** which will be enforced starting **January 1, 2012**. **Cal Green** incorporates the sustainable building requirements which will be applicable to all **Newly Constructed Buildings or Structures**. The specific local amendments can be found in Title 12 of the City of Menlo Park's Municipal Code on the City's web site at www.codepublishing.com/CA/menlopark.

The following is a list of the amendments to **Cal Green**. **All projects submitted for permit application on or after January 1, 2012 will need to show complete conformance to these new codes.** Project review, approval and permit issuance may be slowed or rejected if they do not conform to these new standards.

SUMMARY OF CAL GREEN STANDARDS CODE PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

1. **Cal Green** is applicable to all **new** residential and non-residential construction.
2. **Cal Green** is not intended to substitute or be identified as meeting the certification requirements of any green building program.
3. **Cal Green** establishes minimum sustainable building standards for the construction of residential and non-residential structures to encourage sustainable construction practices in the following categories:
 - Planning and design;
 - Energy efficiency;
 - Water efficiency and conservation;
 - Material conservation and resource efficiency;
 - Indoor air quality; and
 - Environmental quality.

ADDITIONAL MANDATORY STANDARDS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

- All residential and non-residential projects currently subject to **Cal Green** to exceed the minimum energy efficiency standards established in the 2010 California Energy Code by 15 percent;
- All residential and non-residential projects currently subject to **Cal Green** regulations to test heating and cooling ducts for leakage. Duct leakage testing is not required if the ducts are installed within the conditioned envelope of the building; and
- All projects currently subject to **Cal Green** regulations shall install cool roofs. Alternate methods or materials that demonstrate the same environmental benefits will be accepted under an alternate material application.