

BUILDING DIVISION

PLAN CHECK NOTE

From: Building Plan Check

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Subject: Voluntary Upgrade of Existing Structures

Code reference:

2007 California Building Code

Findings:

The scope of work (i.e. items being upgraded, and the standard or level they are being upgraded to) shall be clearly and thoroughly defined on the cover sheet of the plans and the calculations. This information is critical in determining the scope of plan check and would also clarify the extent of upgrade for future reference. When a building is not fully upgraded to a certain code or criteria, the plans shall also identify the scope of work as “partial Upgrade”.

For the purpose of meeting the current code requirements, the seismic upgrade for the following types of structures shall be deemed as fully upgraded if the respective criteria per International Existing Building Code (**IEBC**) and California Existing Building Code (**CEBC**), adopted through City of San Jose [**Ordinance No. 28166**](#), is used for design:

- Unreinforced Masonry buildings (URM): Appendix Chapter A1 of **CEBC**
- Concrete Tilt-up Buildings: Appendix Chapter A2 of **IEBC**
- Cripple Walls and Sill Plate Anchorage of Light, Wood-frames, Residential Buildings: Appendix Chapter A3 of **IEBC**