

SECTION NO. 8.33 – CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE

Pursuant to Sections 4, 30, 56, and 87 of the Port Act, the District has broad general police powers, including the ability to regulate the construction of buildings. Under Section 60 of the Port Act, the police, fire, and sanitary regulations of the adjacent municipal corporation apply within the District in the absence of District regulations.

(a) California Building Standards Code

The San Diego Port District adopts by reference the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, consisting of Parts 1 through 12 as set forth in Attachment A which is incorporated herein by reference, as the San Diego Port Building Code.

(b) Building Department, Building Official & Board of Appeals

1. This Ordinance appoints the Executive Director to be the Chief Appointing Authority.
2. The Chief Appointing Authority shall appoint a building official either through a member of District staff or by retaining one or more consulting firms to serve as the Department of Building Safety (“Building Department”) and appoint one or more employees of the consulting firm or firms to serve as the Building Official. The Building Official and all his or her deputies, technical officers, inspectors, plan examiners, and other employees shall meet the minimum qualifications required by laws, ordinances, regulations, or

standards.

3. The Chief Appointing Authority shall retain and appoint five members to serve as the Board of Appeals and two alternate members, including by retention on consulting firms. The members and alternate members of the Board of Appeals shall not be employees of the Port or employees of a consulting firm constituting the Port's Building Department or Building Official. No members or alternate members may be employed by the same employer. The Board of Appeals shall meet the minimum qualifications provided by applicable law. The members shall be paid reasonable fees for their services.

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