

**STATUTORY REFERENCES  
FOR  
CALIFORNIA CITIES**

The statutory references listed below refer the code user to state statutes relevant to California cities. They are up to date through July, 2008.

**General Provisions**

Code adoption  
Gov. Code §§ 50022.1—50022.10

Ordinances  
Gov. Code § 36900 et seq.

Penalties for ordinance violations  
Gov. Code §§ 36900 and 36901

Imprisonment  
Gov. Code §§ 36903 and 36904

Citations for misdemeanors  
Penal Code §§ 853.5—853.85

Administrative fines and penalties  
Gov. Code § 53069.4

Judicial review of city decisions  
Code of Civil Procedure § 1094.6

Expedited judicial review of First Amendment cases  
Code of Civil Procedure § 1094.8

Elections  
Gov. Code §§ 34050 and 36503 and Elections Code §§ 1301, 9200 et seq. and 10100 et seq.

Classification of cities  
Gov. Code §§ 34100—34102

General powers  
Gov. Code § 37100 et seq. and Cal. Const. Art. 11 § 7

Conflict of interest code  
Gov. Code § 87100 et seq.

Eminent domain  
Code of Civil Procedure § 1230.010 et seq.

**Administration and Personnel**

City officers generally  
Gov. Code § 36501 et seq.

Legislative body  
Gov. Code § 36801 et seq.

Election of legislative body by districts  
Gov. Code § 34870 et seq.

Meetings  
Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.

Mayor  
Gov. Code § 40601 et seq.

City clerk  
Gov. Code § 40801 et seq.

City treasurer  
Gov. Code § 41001 et seq.

City assessor  
Gov. Code § 41201 et seq.

Chief of police  
Gov. Code § 41601 et seq.

City attorney  
Gov. Code § 41801 et seq.

Alternative forms of government  
Gov. Code § 34851 et seq.

City manager  
Gov. Code §§ 34851—34859

Elective mayor  
Gov. Code §§ 34900—34906

City records  
Gov. Code §§ 34090—34090.7 et seq.

Removal from office  
Gov. Code § 3000 et seq.

Political activities of public employees  
Gov. Code § 3201 et seq.

Local planning agencies  
Gov. Code § 65100 et seq.

Emergency services  
Gov. Code § 8550 et seq.

Fire department  
Gov. Code § 38611

Peace officer standards and training  
Penal Code § 13520 et seq.

Personnel system  
Gov. Code § 45000 et seq.

Retirement systems  
Gov. Code § 45341 et seq.

## **Revenue and Finance**

Financial powers  
Gov. Code § 37201 et seq.

Transfer of tax function to county  
Gov. Code § 51500 et seq.

Property tax assessment, levy and collection  
Gov. Code § 43000 et seq.

Sales and use tax  
Rev. and Tax. Code § 7200 et seq.

Transient occupancy tax  
Rev. and Tax. Code §§ 7280 through 7283.51

Real property transfer tax  
Rev. and Tax. Code § 11901 et seq.

Unclaimed property  
Civil Code § 2080 et seq.

Local agency service fees and charges  
Gov. Code § 66013 et seq.

Public works and public purchases  
Gov. Code § 4000 et seq.

Contracting by local agencies  
Pub. Contracts Code § 20100 et seq.

Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act  
Pub. Contracts Code § 22000 et seq.

Claims against public entities  
Gov. Code § 900 et seq.

Development fees  
Gov. Code § 66000 et seq.

## **Business Licenses, Taxes and Regulations**

### Authority to license businesses

Gov. Code § 37101, Bus. and Prof. Code § 16000 et seq. and Const. Art. II, § 2

### Bingo

Penal Code § 326.5

### Community antenna TV systems

Gov. Code § 53066

### Charitable solicitations

Bus. and Prof. Code § 17510 et seq.

### Commercial filming

Gov. Code § 65850.1

### Private investigators

Bus. and Prof. Code § 7512 et seq.

### Taxicabs

Vehicle Code §§ 16500 et seq., 21100, 21112 and Gov. Code § 53075.5

### Gambling establishments

Bus. and Prof. Code § 19800 et seq.

### Massage parlors

Gov. Code § 51030 et seq.

### Automatic checkout systems

Civil Code § 7100 et seq.

### Telecommunications facilities

Gov. Code § 50030

## **Animals**

### Animals generally

Food and Agric. Code § 16301 et seq.

### Dogs

Gov. Code § 38792 and Food and Agric. Code § 30501 et seq.

### Potentially dangerous and vicious dogs

Food and Agric. Code § 31601 et seq.

### Rabies control

Health and Saf. Code § 121575 et seq.

### Cruelty to animals

Penal Code § 597 et seq.

## **Health and Safety**

### Garbage and refuse collection and disposal

Public Resources Code §§ 49300 and 49400

### Nuisance abatement

Gov. Code § 38771 et seq. and Penal Code § 373a

### Weed and rubbish abatement

Gov. Code § 39501 et seq.

### Littering

Penal Code § 374 et seq.

### Smoking

Labor Code § 6404.5

### Graffiti abatement

Gov. Code § 38772

### Fire prevention

Health and Saf. Code § 13000 et seq.

### Fireworks

Health and Saf. Code § 12500 et seq.

### Noise control

Health and Saf. Code § 46000 et seq. and Gov. Code § 65302(f)

### Hospitals

Gov. Code § 37600 et seq.

## **Public Peace, Morals and Welfare**

Crimes against public justice

Penal Code § 92 et seq.

Crimes against the person

Penal Code § 187 et seq.

Crimes against public decency and good morals

Penal Code § 261 et seq.

Crimes against the public peace

Penal Code § 403 et seq.

Crimes against property

Penal Code § 450 et seq.

Weapons

Penal Code § 12000 et seq.

## **Vehicles and Traffic**

Local traffic rules and regulations

Vehicle Code § 21100 et seq.

Traffic signs, signals and markings

Vehicle Code § 21350 et seq.

Turning movements

Vehicle Code §§ 22101-22113

Speed limits

Vehicle Code § 22348 et seq.

One-way street designations

Vehicle Code § 21657

Stopping, standing and parking

Vehicle Code § 22500 et seq.

Through highways

Vehicle Code §§ 21101, 21353, 21354

Curb markings

Vehicle Code § 21458

Weight limits

Vehicle Code § 35700 et seq.

Pedestrians

Vehicle Code § 21949 et seq.

Establishment of crosswalks

Vehicle Code § 21106

Bicycles

Vehicle Code §§ 21100, 21206 and 39000 et seq.

Penalties

Vehicle Code § 40000.1 et seq.

## **Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places**

Improvement Act of 1911

Str. and Hwys. Code § 5000 et seq.

Construction of sidewalks and curbs

Str. and Hwys. Code § 5870 et seq.

Underground utility districts

Str. and Hwys. Code § 5896.1 et seq.

Obstructions and encroachments on public ways

Gov. Code § 38775

Municipal parks

Public Res. Code § 5181 et seq.

Tree planting

Str. and Hwys. Code § 22000 et seq.

Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972

Str. and Hwys. Code § 22500 et seq.

Charitable solicitations

Bus. and Prof. Code § 17510 et seq.

Advertising displays

Bus. and Prof. Code §§ 5230 and 5231

## **Public Services**

### Municipal water systems

Gov. Code § 38730 et seq.

### Municipal sewers

Gov. Code § 38900 et seq. and Health and Saf.  
Code § 5470 et seq.

### Water wells

Water Code § 13800 et seq.

### Local authority to regulate land use

Gov. Code § 65850

### Local zoning administration

Gov. Code § 65900 et seq.

### Open-space zoning

Gov. Code § 65910 et seq.

### Family day care homes

Health and Saf. Code § 1597.30 et seq.

## **Buildings and Construction**

### Authority to regulate buildings and construction

Gov. Code §§ 38601 and 38660

### State housing law

Health and Saf. Code § 17910 et seq.

### Adoption of construction codes

Health and Saf. Code §§ 17922 and 17958

### Mobile homes

Health and Saf. Code § 18200 et seq.

### Signs

Gov. Code §§ 38774 and 65850; Bus. and Prof.  
Code § 5200 et seq.

### Inspection warrants

Civil Pro. Code § 1822.50 et seq.

### Development fees

Gov. Code § 66000 et seq.

## **Subdivisions**

### Subdivision Map Act

Gov. Code § 66410 et seq.

## **Zoning**

### Local planning generally

Gov. Code § 65000 et seq.

## **Environmental Protection**

### Environmental Quality Act

Public Res. Code § 21000 et seq.

### Noise Control Act

Health and Saf. Code § 46000 et seq.

