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ABANDONED CABLES

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The 2022 California Electrical Code (CEC) effective January 1, 2023, requires the removal of abandoned cables covered under Articles 640 (Audio Signal Processing), 645 (Information Technology Equipment), 725 (Class 1, 2 and 3 Remote-Control, Signaling, and Power-Limited Circuits), 760 (Fire Alarm Systems), 770 (Optical Fiber Cables), 800 (General Requirements for Communications Systems), and 840 (Premises-Powered Broadband Communications Systems).

Enforcement of these requirements shall be as follows:

- These requirements shall apply to the area covered by a Building or Electrical permit for an interior alteration, except in one-or two-family dwellings
- All cables regulated by these Articles terminating in the area covered by the permit that are not currently in use or identified "for future use" shall be removed wherever they are accessible or become accessible in the course of construction.
- All cables passing through or terminated in the space covered by the permit shall be supported according to the requirements of the applicable CEC Articles.
- All penetrations in rated walls, floors, and/or ceilings in the area of permitted work shall be repaired using approved methods.
- No permit shall be required for the removal of cables regulated by these articles, except in hazardous (classified) locations.