

Mandatory Soft Story Retrofit Program: Code Enforcement Efforts

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Mandatory Soft Story Retrofit Program

The Mandatory Soft Story Retrofit Program (MSSP) was created by ordinance in 2013

What It Applies To:

- Wood-frame buildings of three or more stories or two stories over a basement or underfloor area that have any portion extending above grade, and;
- Contains five or more residential dwelling units where the permit to construct was applied for prior to January 1, 1978, and where the building has not yet been seismically strengthened.



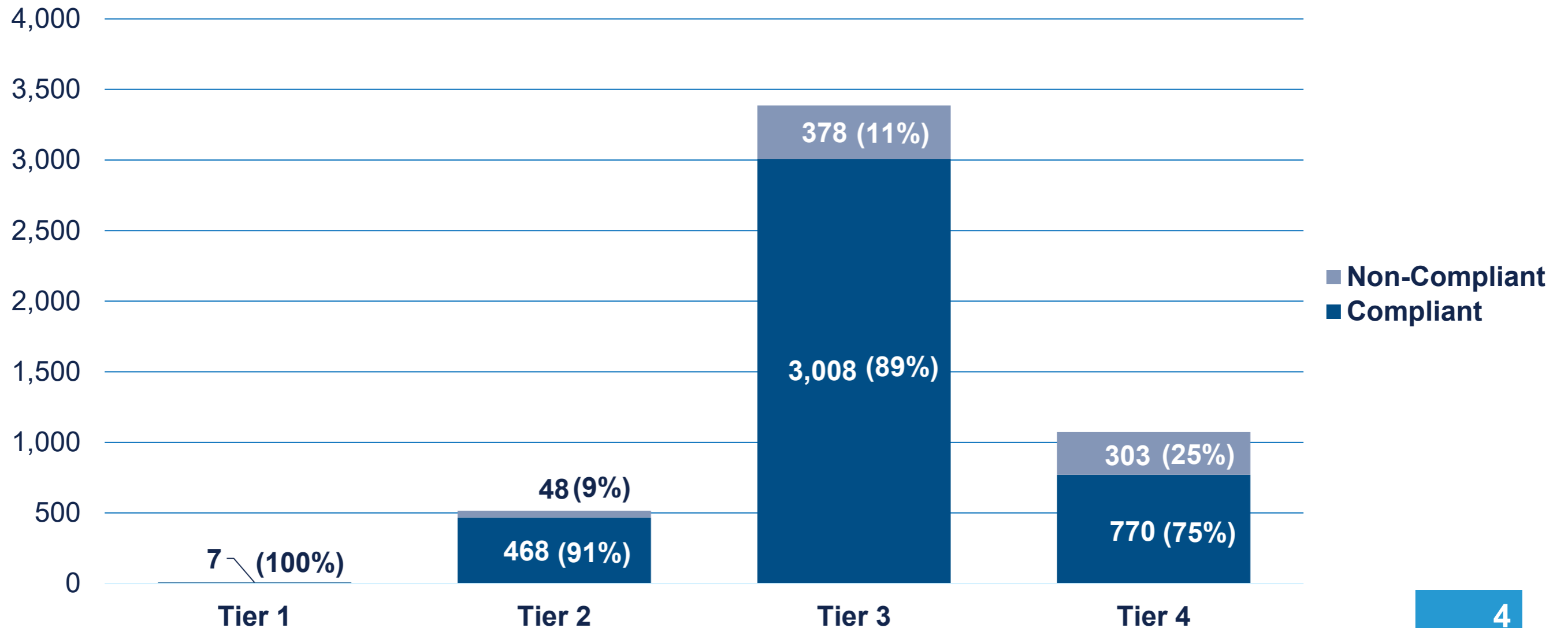
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Wood-Frame Seismic Retrofit Program Compliance Timeline & Tier

Compliance Tier	Submittal of Permit Application with Plans for Seismic Retrofit Work	Completion of Work and Issuance of Certificate of Final Completion
1	2015	2017
2	2016	2018
3	2017	2019
4	2018	2020

Mandatory Soft Story Retrofit Program - Compliance

Mandatory Soft Story Compliance by Tier, February 8th, 2022



Enforcement

95 properties have had an Order of Abatement issued for soft story:

- **2 properties** - Tier 1
- **4 properties** - Tier 2
- **73 properties** - Tier 3
- **16 properties** - Tier 4

Next Steps

- Continue to schedule 20 cases a month for Director's Hearings
- Hired and are training second inspector for Soft Story program enforcement



THANK YOU!