

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-210 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton and Pat Davis

1 **RESOLUTION**
2 **DIRECTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE AN UPDATE TO THE**
3 **CITY’S INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC) TO ADOPT**
4 **THE 2018 VERSION.**

5 **WHEREAS, the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) establishes**
6 **minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency; and**

7 **WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque currently utilizes the 2009 IECC, which**
8 **is three code cycles behind the most recent version; and**

9 **WHEREAS, in 2018 the City Council directed the Planning Department to**
10 **convene a committee to explore updating the City’s IECC to the 2018 version;**
11 **and**

12 **WHEREAS, this committee was to send a recommendation to the City**
13 **Council pertaining to the adoption of the 2018 IECC; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the City Council has not received the recommendation, which**
15 **was required to be received by the City Council on May 15, 2019; and**

16 **WHEREAS, on September 18, 2019 the City of Albuquerque declared that a**
17 **climate emergency threatens our City; and**

18 **WHEREAS, nationally, residential homes and commercial buildings**
19 **account for approximately 40% of the nation’s total energy demand and use**
20 **75% of its electricity; and**

21 **WHEREAS, buildings in New Mexico are the second largest contributor to**
22 **the state’s overall greenhouse gas emissions, contributing about 15%; and**

23 **WHEREAS, municipalities across the country are transitioning to the 2018**
24 **IECC or portions of the 2018 IECC, including Nebraska, Illinois,**
25 **Massachusetts, Maryland, Nevada, Utah, certain counties in Arizona, and**
26 **others; and**

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1 WHEREAS, it is prudent that the City adopt modern energy efficiency
2 standards for new construction.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
4 ALBUQUERQUE:

5 Section 1. The Planning Department is hereby directed to prepare an
6 amendment to the City’s Uniform Administrative Code to adopt the 2018
7 version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The Planning
8 Department is permitted to propose revisions to the 2018 IECC to better align
9 with Albuquerque’s climate and energy efficiency needs. Any proposed
10 revisions to the 2018 IECC shall be accompanied with an explanation as to
11 why the revision is required.

12 Section 2. The recommendation shall be presented to the City Council no
13 later than March 1, 2020.

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