

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-210 ENACTMENT NO. R-2020-010

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton and Pat Davis

1 RESOLUTION
2 DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S
3 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC) TO ADOPT THE
4 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;
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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 Administration is hereby directed to prepare an amendment**
6 **to the City's Uniform Administrative Code to adopt the 2018 version of the**
7 **International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The Administration is**
8 **permitted to propose revisions to the 2018 IECC to better align with**
9 **Albuquerque's climate and energy efficiency needs. Any proposed revisions**
10 **to the 2018 IECC shall be accompanied with an explanation as to why the**
11 **revision is required.**

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

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF February, 2020
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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10 Patrick Davis, President
11 City Council
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14 APPROVED THIS 10 DAY OF February, 2020
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17 Bill No. R-19-210

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23 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
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31 Ethan Watson, Acting City Clerk
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