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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

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

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RESOLUTION

Directing The Administration To Prepare An Update To The City's International Energy
Conservation Code (IECC) To Adopt The 2018 Version (Benton, Davis)

DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC) TO ADOPT THE 2018 VERSION.

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City Council directed the Planning Department to convene a
committee to explore updating the City's IECC to the 2018 version; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, buildings in New Mexico are the second largest contributor to the state's overall

greenhouse gas emissions, contributing about 15%; and

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

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

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

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

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

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