

MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Haught, Chair, Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals
FROM: Robert Thornton, Chair, Mechanical Plumbing & Solar Board
DATE: January 26, 2016
SUBJECT: Board discussion related to the Energy Code adoption

This memorandum is informational only and does not serve as a recommendation.

Today the Mechanical Plumbing & Solar Board discussed staff's recommendation to adopt the ASHRAE 90.1 2013 for commercial construction, rather than adopting the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code for commercial installations. The Board generally supports the amendments to the Energy Code as presented, however the Board is concerned that the adoption of ASHRAE alone will limit options for developers and owners. The currently adopted 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) allows prescriptive requirements of either the IECC, ASHRAE or an alternative prescriptive method.

Further, the Board understands that adoption of one code could simplify the plan review and inspection process, however, it would create limited options for developers and owners.



Robert Thornton, Chair

cc: MPSB members
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