

AGENDA



Thursday, April 8, 2010

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 51**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 12 of City Code Chapter 25-12 to adopt the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code and local amendments.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission, Resource Management Commission, Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, and the Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board.

Prior Council Action: October 18, 2007 - The City Council adopted the amended 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. Adoption of the Final Report of the Zero Energy Capable Homes Taskforce and City of Austin Climate Protection Plan.

March 11, 2010 - The City Council set the public hearing for April 8, 2010.

The International Energy Conservation Code establishes minimum requirements that address the design of energy-efficient building envelopes, and the installation of energy efficient mechanical, lighting and power systems.

The proposed amendments include changes that reduce energy use of residential and commercial buildings. These changes are in line with City of Austin policy relating to the Zero Energy Capable Homes Initiative and the Austin Climate Protection Plan.

The proposed ordinance will amend provisions that address the following:

- Enhanced window and wall performance
- Increased high-efficacy lighting
- Increased efficiency in hot-water distribution
- Commissioning of HVAC equipment in larger commercial buildings

The proposed amendments were recommended by the Electric Utility Commission, Resource Management Commission, Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals, and the Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board.