ORDINANCE No. 187095

Require annual energy performance reporting for commercial buildings to promote reduction in local carbon emissions (Ordinance; add Code Chapter 17.104)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. The world's leading scientists consistently conclude that climate change caused by human emission of greenhouse gases is among the most significant problems facing the world today and potentially poses the greatest economic, environmental, and social challenge of the 21st century.

2. The immediate economic benefits of climate solutions are often significant, including energy efficiency savings and green job creation, while long term climate stabilization can prevent irreparable harm from catastrophic climate change impacts.

3. The State of Oregon has established a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 75 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

4. The City of Portland established a goal to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 (Resolution No. 36548), and the 2009 Climate Action Plan (Resolution No. 36748) includes a 2030 Objective to reduce the total energy use of all buildings built before 2010 by 25 percent.


6. In 2009, Resolution No. 36749 directed City bureaus to implement the three-year actions identified in the 2009 Climate Action Plan.

7. From 2012 to 2014, the City partnered with the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, Building Owners and Managers Association, Energy Trust of Oregon, Portland Development Commission, Multnomah County, and Clark Public Utilities on a voluntary program to provide technical assistance and recognition to commercial buildings that benchmarked their energy use and those buildings that participated achieved significant energy savings.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. Title 17 of the City Code is amended by adding Chapter 17.104 Commercial Building Energy Performance Reporting as shown in Exhibit A attached to the ordinance.

Passed by the Council: APR 22 2015

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