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SUBJECT: *Application for Locally Adopted Energy Standards by City of Mountain View in Accordance with the 2025 California Energy Code, Title 24, Part 11 of the California Code of Regulations*

Dear California Energy Commission Staff,

The City Council of the City of Mountain View has adopted local amendments to the 2025 Edition of the California Green Building Standards Code (Title 24, Part 11) related to energy efficiency standards via Ordinance No .

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 25402.1(h)2 and Section 10-106 of the Building Energy Efficiency Standards, California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5, 17958.7 and 18941.5, Public Resources Code Section 25402.1 (h)2 and California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, the enclosed package of materials demonstrates the City Council of the City of Mountain View determined that the local ordinance:

- a. Contains standards that are cost effective, which were adopted at a public meeting on August 26, 2025, with a second reading at a public meeting on September 9, 2025; and
- b. Will result in buildings designed to consume less energy than permitted by the 2025 California Energy Code (Title 24, Part 6).

The ordinance and cost-effectiveness study for AC to heat pump replacements in existing single-family residential development, prepared by California Energy Codes and Standards Statewide Utility Program, were presented to the City Council of the City of Mountain View on August 26, 2025, with a second reading at a public meeting on September 9, 2025. The ordinance will become effective following approval by the California Energy Commission, but not sooner than January 1, 2026. This submission is based on the collective reach code preparation by Silicon Valley Clean Energy and their consultant, TRC Companies, in Santa Clara County.

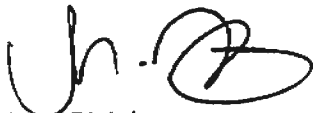
Please find the following materials enclosed:

- **Att. 1:** City Council Staff Report, outlining the goals and intent of the updated building code standards.

- **Att. 2:** Signed Ordinance, which adopts local amendments to the 2025 California Building Standards Code baseline for residential and nonresidential buildings. This ordinance includes a copy of the cost-effectiveness study demonstrating the expected energy savings and the cost-effectiveness of the Ordinance in Mountain View (Climate Zone No. 4). **The specific local amendments related to the AC to heat pump replacement requirements are located in Exhibit B on pages 78 to 82 of the Ordinance.** Additionally, the Ordinance clearly shows that City of Mountain View made express findings that amendments to the building standards, including those related to energy efficiency, in the 2025 California Building Standards Code are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, topographical or environmental conditions.
- **Att. 3:** Brief demonstration of how cost-effectiveness study results informed the Ordinance parameters.
- **Att. 4:** Copy of the Notice of Exemption filing, which was filed with the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder's Office and the State Clearinghouse ([CEQANet](#): SCH# 2025090421). As the lead agency, the City of Mountain View has determined that this activity is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15061(b)(3).
- **Att. 5:** Preliminary response from the California Energy Commission's Local Ordinance Team regarding an informal review of our proposed local amendment related to AC to Heat Pump requirements for existing single-family residential dwellings.

Please consider and accept the enclosed Ordinance pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-106. **If you have any questions, please contact Nena Bizjak, Chief Building Official, by phone at (650) 903-6313 or by email at nena.bizjak@mountainview.gov.**

Sincerely,



Nena Bizjak
Chief Building Official
City of Mountain View

Attachments: 1. Council Staff Report dated August 26, 2025
2. Signed Ordinance No. 9.2025
3. Brief Demonstration of Cost Effectiveness
4. CEQA Notice of Exemption filing
5. Copy of Preliminary CEC Review