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Notice of Public Comment Period
Docket No. 16-BSTD-07

Application for Approval of Locally Adopted Energy Standards by the City of Davis in Accordance with Section 10-106 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1

The City of Davis submitted an application for approval of its locally adopted energy efficiency standards to the California Energy Commission on May 14, 2019. Energy Commission staff will review and evaluate the proposed application as it relates to California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, Section 10-106. The review of the application will determine if the application is complete, meaning that it includes all the supporting information necessary to meet the requirements of Section 10-106. Staff has made a preliminary determination that the application is complete, and has therefore made the application available for public comment.

Purpose

At its regular meeting on April 9, 2019, the City of Davis’ City Council conducted a public hearing and approved a local energy ordinance in accordance with Section 10-106 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10. The council also determined at this hearing that mandating the ordinance was cost effective.

City of Davis Ordinance 2554 specifies three energy conservation measures:

- Compliance with CALGreen Tier 1 efficiency levels (10 percent improvement over basic code compliance) as a mandatory requirement for newly constructed nonresidential and high-rise residential buildings;
- Installation of solar photovoltaic systems as a mandatory requirement for newly constructed nonresidential and high-rise residential buildings; and
- Installation of 120-volt electrical sockets under specified sinks in single-family residences “to accommodate the future installation of an on-demand hot water recirculation pump.”

City of Davis Ordinance 2554 also specifies the following two measures relating to electric vehicles:

- Installation of electric vehicle charging stations in new nonresidential and high-rise residential buildings; and
• Installation of 8-gauge wiring in single-family residences “to support Level 2 electric vehicle charging.”

The City of Davis submitted its application with:
• A signed copy of Ordinance 2554, which includes requirements that constitute a local energy ordinance beyond the baseline Energy Standards;
• A cover letter, staff reports, and analyses that conclude the proposed local energy efficiency standards within the ordinance are cost-effective and will require buildings to consume less energy than permitted by the Energy Standards, and that include evidence that the ordinance was approved at a noticed public meeting;
• A cost-effectiveness study, which includes supporting analysis, showing that the energy savings obtained make the proposed local energy efficiency standards cost effective;
• A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination.

The full application can be viewed under “Pending Local Energy Standards Applications” at http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2016standards/ordinances/.

Background

California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, Section 10-106, specifies that energy standards for newly constructed buildings, additions, alterations, and repairs to existing buildings may be adopted by local government agencies provided that the Energy Commission finds that the standards will require buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6. Staff is therefore seeking comments on the determination of cost effectiveness submitted by the City of Davis, the inclusion of this cost and benefit information in the City’s public adoption process, and the anticipated energy consumption impacts of the ordinance relative to the statewide provisions of the Energy Code.

Public Comments

Written comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on July 2, 2019. If you wish to submit comments on the proposal, please submit them using the e-commenting feature on the Energy Commission’s webpage at: https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=16-BSTD-07.

A full name, email address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After a challenge response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Commission Docket Unit.
You are encouraged to use the electronic filing system described above to submit comments. If you are unable to submit electronically, a paper copy of your comments, including the docket number 16-BSTD-07 and indicating “City of Davis, Proposed Local Ordinance” may be sent to:

Docket Unit  
California Energy Commission  
Docket No. 16-BSTD-07  
1516 9th Street, MS-4  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Public Participation

The Energy Commission’s Public Adviser’s Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact Acting Public Adviser Jennifer Martin-Gallardo, at (916) 654-4489, toll free at (800) 822-6228, or by email at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by email at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this notice, please contact Peter Strait (916) 654-2817, or by email at peter.strait@energy.ca.gov.

The proposal and supporting materials can be downloaded at www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2016standards/ordinances/. 