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Notice of Public Comment Period

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Application Concerning

Locally Adopted Building Energy Efficiency Standards

in Accordance with Section 10-106 of

the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1

Local Jurisdiction Name: City of Santa Cruz**Date of Local Adoption:** November 28th, 2023**Designation of Locally Adopted Standard:** Ordinance #2023-12**Purpose**

California's local jurisdictions planning to enforce locally adopted energy efficiency standards that exceed the California Energy Code are required to submit an application to the California Energy Commission (CEC), in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, sections 10-106 and 10-110 and Public Resource Code, section 25402.1(h)(2). Applications submitted by local jurisdictions must provide their findings that the local ordinance, or reach code, 1) saves more energy than current statewide energy standards and 2) that the local jurisdiction has determined the local ordinance is cost effective. The CEC posts locally adopted energy efficiency or conservation standards for a mandatory public review period, per state law.

The City of Santa Cruz has filed an application to enforce its local ordinance. CEC staff has determined this application to be complete, including all the supporting information necessary to meet the requirements of section 10-106. The CEC seeks public comments on whether the locally adopted energy efficiency or conservation standards will require buildings to be designed to consume less energy than the *2022 California Energy Code*, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 1 and 6 (2022 Energy Code).

The [full application](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-BSTD-07) is available for download on the CEC's website at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-BSTD-07>.

The following files are included in this application:

- 1) City_of_Santa_Cruz_Att1_2022_Cover_Letter_CEC_CoSC_Final

- 2) City_of_Santa_Cruz_Att2_2022_Ordinance_202312_Energy_Reach_Code_CoSC
- 3) City_of_Santa_Cruz_Att3_2022_CoSC_Agenda_Report_Amendments_Title_18
- 4) City_of_Santa_Cruz_Att4a_2022_Cost_Effectiveness_Study_Single_Family_New_Construction_Study_and_Associated
- 5) City_of_Santa_Cruz_Att4b_2022_Cost_Effectiveness_Study_Multifamily_New_Construction_Study_and_Associated_Co
- 6) City_of_Santa_Cruz_Att4c_2022_Nonresidential_New_Construction_Reach_Code_Cost_Effectiveness_Study_and
- 7) City_of_Santa_Cruz_Att5_2022_NOE_from_CEQA_CoSC_Energy_Reach_Code
- 8) City_of_Santa_Cruz_Att6_2022_CoSC_signed_copy_of_filing_of_local_amendment_to_CEC_Ordinance_no_2023-12

Background

Statutory provisions in Public Resources Code, section 25402.1(h)(2), and regulatory provisions in sections 10-106 and 10-110 of Part 1 of the 2022 Energy Code establish a process that allows local governmental agencies to adopt and enforce energy efficiency standards for newly constructed buildings, additions, alterations, and repairs to existing buildings. Such local standards may not be enforced, however, unless and until the CEC finds that the local standards will require buildings to be designed to consume less energy than permitted by the 2022 Energy Code, as demonstrated by the local jurisdiction in an application submitted to the CEC.

Per section 10-106, this application must include the following:

- 1) The proposed energy standards;
- 2) The local governmental agency's findings and supporting analyses on the energy savings and cost effectiveness of the proposed energy standards;
- 3) A statement or finding by the local governmental agency that the local energy standards will require buildings to be designed to consume less energy than permitted by the statewide 2022 Energy Code; and
- 4) Any findings, determinations, declarations, or reports, including any negative declaration or environmental impact report, required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

For the local jurisdiction to enforce the standard, the CEC must then find, based on the submitted application materials and consideration of public comment, that the local standards will result in a reduction in energy consumption compared to the statewide 2022 Energy Code and that the local jurisdiction has filed its cost-effectiveness determination and the basis of that determination with the CEC.

Public Comments

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](#) for this docket [22-BSTD-07](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=22-BSTD-07>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a

downloadable, searchable document in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 20, section 1208.1. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments must be submitted by: **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2024.**

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number **22-BSTD-07** and **City of Santa Cruz, 2022 Ordinance #2023-12** in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

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Availability of Documents

The proposal and supporting materials can be downloaded at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-BSTD-07>