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To: Building Code Officials

From: Department of Public Safety /Building Division

Subject: Adopting a Building Energy Performance Standard in St. Louis

The city of St. Louis unanimously passed legislation this past spring that requires all buildings 50,000 square feet and larger to meet targets for energy consumption. A community board of people from different backgrounds and expertise will set energy usage goals and also provide a mechanism for building owners to request alternative methods and solutions to reach said goals. This ground breaking legislation was passed by the Board of Alderman, signed by Mayor Lyda Krewson and welcomed by the St. Louis community as a means to safeguard our community's public health and our resources that are affected by development.

As the Building Commissioner of St. Louis I could not be any prouder of our community willingness to invest in the general welfare of our citizens. This recognition that our built environment and its effects can be done in methods that are safe reminds me of the purpose of our various building codes. The code community tirelessly strives to update research of all the codes because our public demands a safe place to live, work, and play. We, the code community are grateful to the Missouri Association of Building Officials & International Code Council for their leadership in developing an International Group of Codes that truly makes our citizens lives better and safer throughout much of the world. I believe some day soon the I-Codes will include a model code for communities to adopt that will allow them to establish a Building Energy Performance Standard.

As a public official I believe we all have an obligation to lead our communities by bringing forth policies that are beneficial to all. Building Energy Performance Standards create more jobs, save building owners money, and make our communities a healthier place and also allows all of us to be better stewards of mother earth. I strongly urge all of our leaders in the Code Enforcement Community to seriously consider the adoption of a Building Energy Performance policy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Oswald".

Frank Oswald
Building Commissioner