

Introduced by _____ read once and referred to the Committee on _____

An Act to amend the _____ law of the State (County, City, Town, Village) of _____ in relation to the adoption of the 2012 edition (*the most recent draft of*) of the International Green Construction Code ® as published by the International Code Council relating to the establishment of sustainability requirements to reduce the negative potential impacts and increase the positive potential impacts of the built environment on the natural environment and building occupants.

Section 1 – Purpose – In furtherance of the policy of set forth in _____, the legislature of the State (County, City, Town, Village) of _____ hereby that a Green Construction Code be adopted to safeguard the environment, public health, safety and general welfare through the establishment of sustainability requirements to reduce the negative potential impacts and increase the positive potential impacts of the built environment on the natural environment and building occupants, by means of minimum requirements related to: conservation of natural resources, materials and energy; the employment of renewable energy technologies, indoor and outdoor air quality; and building operations, building maintenance and owner responsibility.

The 2012 edition (or most recent version of) of the International Green Construction Code ® will be hereinafter referred to as “this code.” This code shall only be used in conjunction with other applicable codes including a comprehensive building code which establishes minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, *means of egress* facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment

The enforcement of this code and all pertaining rules and regulations providing for the issuance of permits, the collection of fees and any sanctions for violations shall be administered by the existing governing body (or department) (or shall be amended as follows...)

Where there is a conflict between an existing law or regulation and a specific requirement of this code, the specific law or regulation shall be applicable. Where, in any specific case, different sections of the code specify different materials, methods of construction or other requirements, the most practical and effective requirement to meet the intent of the code shall govern in the general enforcement and administration of the code (unless an existing variance procedure already exists).

Section 2 – Definitions – For the purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless is plainly required by the content:

(List any words currently not in existing codes – see chapter 2 of the IgCC ® for a full list)

Section 3 – Compliance - All provisions of this code other than *compliance electives* shall be mandatory as applicable and shall apply to the construction, addition, alteration, change in use, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures and to the site on which the building is located.

Section 4 – Effective Date - This Act shall take effect (timeframe transition period or immediately).