

**FY 2023-2024 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Energy

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**REQUEST:** Please provide an update on the progress made thus far with regard to Electric Vehicle building code readiness. Please provide an update on Austin Energy's FY 24 budget for this work and any upcoming plans.

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**RESPONSE:**

Austin Energy has incorporated electric vehicle readiness as basic requirements into the single-family (2020) and commercial (2022) versions of the Austin Energy Green Building Ratings. A requirement will be included for Multifamily in the 2023 version of that rating, which should go into effect in the fall of 2023.

Austin Energy has been directly involved in the development processes of the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), and requirements for electric vehicle-capable spaces have been incorporated in that version of the code. A second round of public comment was recently completed on June 30, 2023, and the IECC committee is in the process of reviewing and responding to the public comments received. Austin Energy is confident EV ready provisions will be included. Additionally, the Develop Services Department (DSD) plans to adopt the full suite of 2024 model codes and bring the codes forward together as one package for adoption, and Austin Energy is working to align the development and adoption process and timeline with DSD. If the national model codes publish this fall as expected, Austin Energy plans to begin a six-month public stakeholder engagement process in January 2024 and to present the codes to various boards and commissions in the summer of 2024 and to City Council in September 2024, with a goal for the codes to go into effect by January 1, 2025.

Funding is included in Austin Energy's FY 2023-24 proposed budget for staffing to support the energy code adoption, including \$21k for an agreement with Texas A&M to make necessary updates to the IC3 (International Code Compliance Calculator) tool used for residential energy code compliance.