



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Joint Sustainability Committee

Recommendation: (20170607-03c)

Solar Ready Amendment to Energy Code

WHEREAS, the Joint Sustainability Committee is comprised of representatives from 11 Boards and Commissions, and it serves a role to ensure progress is made in implementing the Austin Community Climate Plan; and

WHEREAS, the most recent Austin/Travis County Community Carbon Footprint estimates that 53% of our total emissions are from electricity and natural gas produced and used; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Community Climate Plan has multiple actions in the Electricity and Natural Gas section which relate to increasing clean renewable energy production in the community; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2017, the Resource Management Commission recommended adoption of the staff changes to the energy code, with one exception which is to increase the total roof area percentage available as a solar-ready zone from 25% to 35%;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Joint Sustainability Committee endorses the RMC's recommendation in full, which agrees with all of the staff amendments to Article 12 of City Code Chapter 25-12, the Energy Code with one exception: the RMC's recommendation that 35% of the total roof area on new multi-family buildings (four stories or less) is available as a solar-ready zone.

Date of Approval: June 7, 2017

Record of the vote: Passed on a 7-0-1 vote, with Committee Member Ho abstaining

Attest: _____


Jim Walker, Chair of the Joint Sustainability Committee