



Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition

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Commercial Building Code Council  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
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**Subject: Adoption of 2021 IECC Energy Code**

Dear Commercial Building Code Council members,

The Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition (WLGCC) is comprised of local governments that work together to seek low-carbon and clean energy solutions. Our members recognize that climate change poses severe risks to communities and that the worst effects of climate change cannot be avoided without effective State policy. Our communities -- representing one out of three WI citizens and every geographic region -- understand that the energy use in commercial buildings is one of the biggest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in our communities. And because the State of Wisconsin -- through the Commercial Building Code Council -- establishes the state building energy code, we rely on you to make important updates to how our commercial buildings operate and consume resources.

**Therefore, as you consider updates to the commercial energy code, we urge you to adopt the 2021 IECC Energy Code without weakening amendments. And we encourage you to incorporate responsible electrical vehicle charging readiness requirements in the code.**

We do understand that energy is only one piece of the commercial building code, and that members of the Commercial Building Code Council have a range of interests and expertise. As the climate crisis grows and presents real threats to Wisconsin's economy and the health of our residents, we are encouraging your council to take a strong leadership position in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our built environment. Our coalition believes and would recommend that DSPS either 1) hire an experienced and knowledgeable energy efficiency consultant that could advise on updates to the energy code or 2) form a separate energy conservation code committee, comprised of efficiency/conservation engineers and technical experts, to make recommendations specifically on the energy use portion of the building codes.

We appreciate your consideration and the important role you play in protecting Wisconsin's health and safety. Please let us know if our coalition can be of additional assistance in supporting improvements to the state's energy code.

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