

CITY OF ALBANY

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Sustainability Committee

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SUBJECT: Policy Options for Residential Energy Conservation Ordinance

Below is a list of policy options to aid discussion about residential energy conservation (RECO) and building energy saving ordinances (BESO).

Trigger	RECO	BESO
Point of Sale	Require Upgrades	Require Audit
Date Certain (e.g., within 20 years of ordinance adoption)	Require Upgrades	Require Audit
At Renovation	Require Upgrades	Require Audit

Next Steps:

- Discuss various options and create a pro/con analysis:
 - Requirements (upgrades, audits)
 - Define requirements (in home audits vs. online tools)
 - Trigger (Point of sale, date certain, at renovation)
 - Single Family, Multi-Family and Commercial
 - Thresholds (size or value)
 - Combinations (require initial assessments and then require improvements for people below a certain threshold score)
 - Exemptions (high efficiency, low income)
 - Scholarships
 - Enforcement
 - Recognition Programs (award ceremonies, plaques, stickers)
 - Incentives
 - Addition requirements (seismic upgrades)
- Engage the community (realtor’s association, chamber of commerce, home owners)
- Bring initial proposal to City Council for review and direction