

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREM
OUTLINING THEIR SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2015
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC) AND OTHER
POSSIBLE AIR QUALITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR UTAH.

WHEREAS, the Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development reports that adoption of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) would save each new Utah homeowner \$297 per year; and

WHEREAS, analysis conducted by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory finds that the 2015 IECC is cost-effective for new commercial buildings and homes, resulting in positive cash flow within two years for new home buyers; and

WHEREAS, air pollution gravely threatens the health of the people of Utah County as well as economic development; and

WHEREAS, homes and buildings now account for 39% of air pollution in Utah according to the Utah Division of Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, energy-efficient new homes and commercial buildings represent an important long-term air pollution reduction strategy by reducing energy consumption and resulting pollution emissions over the 100+ year life of building structures; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2015 IECC would reduce CO₂ pollution in Utah by an estimated 5.06 million metric tons by 2040, the equivalent of taking over 84,000 cars off of the road every year; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2015 IECC would reduce by 1,502 tons Utah's emissions of direct pollution and precursors of PM_{2.5} and ozone, both grave health threats, by 2050; and

WHEREAS, improved energy efficiency will also buffer against spikes in utility rates by reducing demand for energy by 7.57 trillion BTU, consequently mitigating the need for utility companies to build new energy infrastructure and pass those costs on to consumers; and

WHEREAS, it is far more cost-effective to build-in energy efficient air pollution reduction technologies during construction, rather than retrofitting a home after it is constructed; and

WHEREAS, after considering the facts presented to the City Council of the City of Orem, the Council finds that the City of Orem should adopt a resolution stating its interest in state legislators adopting the 2015 IECC for Utah, and such action reasonably furthers the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Orem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREM, as follows:

1. The City Council is interested in state legislators adopting the 2015 IECC for Utah.
2. The City Council instructs the City of Orem Recorder to transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the Utah Senate, to the Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, to the Clerk of the Legislature, and to the news media of Utah to include the Daily Herald, Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News, and KSL.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this ___ day of _____ 2015.

Richard Brunst, Mayor

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE"

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING "NAY"
