



Stretch Code Adoption Process for a Town

INTRODUCTION

Towns interested in adopting 780 CMR 120.AA, the “Stretch Code” are directed to do so in the manner prescribed by law – see 101.3 Purpose and Intent section of the Stretch Code:

***101.3 Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of 780 CMR 120.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code for new and existing buildings. A municipality seeking to ensure that construction within its boundaries is designed and built above the energy efficiency requirements of 780 CMR may mandate adherence to this appendix.*

780 CMR 120 AA may be adopted or rescinded by any municipality in the commonwealth in the manner prescribed by law.

If adopted by a municipality this appendix, rather than 780 CMR 13, 34, 61, or 93, as applicable, shall govern.

This appendix shall regulate the design and construction of buildings to provide flexibility, and, permit the use of innovative approaches and techniques to achieve effective energy use.

ADOPTION BY A TOWN

Towns are advised to seek adoption of the Stretch Code as a general bylaw through a vote of Town Meeting. **There can be no amendments to the bylaw language in order for the bylaw / Stretch Code to be in effect.** The following sample article and sample bylaw are provided as examples:

ARTICLE: To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter ____ of the Town of _____ General Bylaws, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 120 AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the “Stretch Energy Code”, including amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Chapter ____

STRETCH ENERGY CODE

[Adopted 0-0-2010 ATM / STM by Art.]

§ ____-1 Definitions

§ ____-2 Purpose

§ ____-3 Applicability

§ ____-4 Authority

§ ____-5 Stretch Code

§ ____-1 Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2009 - The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency. Commencing July 1, 2010, the baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code will default to IECC 2009 and MA amendments.

Stretch Energy Code - Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 120 AA, the Stretch Energy Code is the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2009 with amendments contained herein.

§ ____-2 Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 120.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

§ ____-3 Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 61, or 93, as applicable.

§ ____-4 Authority

A municipality seeking to ensure that construction within its boundaries is designed and built above the energy efficiency requirements of 780 CMR may mandate adherence to this appendix.

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§ ____-5 Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 120 AA, including any amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of _____ General Bylaws, Chapter ____ .

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings or building commissioner.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact your Regional Coordinator at:

http://www.mass.gov/Eoea/docs/doer/green_communities/pubs_reports/regional_coordinators.pdf

Or

Check out the Green Communities Grant Program Toolkit on our website at:

http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eoea&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Energy%2c+Utilities+%26+Clean+Technologies&L2=Green+Communities&sid=Eoea&b=terminalcontent&f=doer_green_communities_gc-grant-program&csid=Eoea