

BOULDER COUNTY CONSORTIUM OF CITIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOULDER COUNTY CONSORTIUM OF CITIES ENDORSING FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION MODIFIED COMMERCIAL BUILDING ENERGY CODE ELEMENTS FOR JURISDICTIONS WITHIN BOULDER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the jurisdictions within Boulder County have historically shown leadership roles in issues related to the environment and quality of life within Boulder County and in our larger environment, and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions within Boulder County have adopted various green house gas reduction, energy conservation, and environmental responsibility and sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, County jurisdictions have conducted a green-house gas inventory indicating that significant County and community contributions to GHG emissions derive from several key sources including residential and commercial buildings and the County's GHG inventory indicates 29% of emissions may derive from commercial buildings; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Boulder County Consortium of Cities established an Energy Task Force with broad representation of elected officials, leaders, and knowledgeable professionals to investigate options to help the County move toward compliance with environmentally-related goals and agreements, and

WHEREAS, the Energy Task Force established, and the Consortium of Cities endorsed, a mission statement as follows: *Recognizing that we face the threats and opportunities of an uncertain energy future, the Boulder County Consortium of Cities seeks to create an energy-secure, climate-safe, and economically vibrant society by encouraging and enabling our communities to increase energy efficiency, make use of renewable energy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and*

WHEREAS, the Consortium of Cities recognizes economic opportunities and quality of life benefits from taking leadership in the area of energy responsibility, and

WHEREAS, in January of 2007, the Consortium of Cities resolved to charge the Energy Strategies Task Force to work with local governments to develop county-wide building codes to address new construction and remodels in the non-residential sector; and [2007 or 2008?]

WHEREAS, in April of 2008, 10 of the 11 local governments of Boulder County adopted resolutions in support of the Sustainable Energy Plan which contained as one of the key strategies green building codes for the commercial sector; and

WHEREAS, The Boulder County Commercial Codes Working Group (Working Group), comprised of a range of stakeholders including: building officials, architects, engineers, developers, end-users, and representatives of other important sectors of the building community met numerous times over the space of a year and developed recommendations in compliance with this objective; and

WHEREAS, there are economies and benefits to citizens, builders, and code officials from general uniformity and conformity of building codes and standards within the County as well as for goals and enhancements to such building codes and standards, and

WHEREAS, the IECC building codes versions 2000, 2003, or 2006 already serve as the basis for basic building codes within the majority of communities in Boulder County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM OF CITIES, BOULDER COUNTY, as follows:

The Boulder County Board of Consortium of Cities hereby declares its recommendations that the Consortium's member jurisdictions shall identify and implement the set of recommendations and strategies contained in the "Recommendations For the Greening of Commercial Building Codes Throughout Boulder County" that will reduce the County's and constituent communities' contributions to total global greenhouse gas emissions, reduce energy use, reduce (fossil) carbon footprint of commercial buildings, reduce embodied energy in building materials, and achieve other beneficial objectives. In addition to environmental benefits, implementing similar commercial building codes within the County will allow builders to design for similar codes across the County, reduce incentives for builders to avoid building higher performing buildings by building in lower-requirement communities within the County, and provide other benefits.

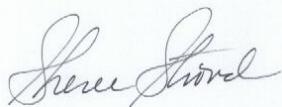
The Consortium of Cities hereby strongly encourages the member jurisdictions to direct staff to develop and adopt non-residential building codes in compliance with the recommendations, and that members jurisdictions, where appropriate, work in a collaborative manner with other public and private entities toward the adoption of codes consistent with these recommendations. The Consortium further encourages that these efforts receive appropriate funding, within budget constraints.

ADOPTED this 7th day of October, 2009.



Ben Pearlman, Chair

ATTEST:



Sheree Stroud, Secretary