

Offered by Councilors Matt O'Malley and Michelle Wu, Baker, Ciommo, Edwards, Essaibi-George, Flaherty, Flynn, McCarthy, Pressley, Zakim and Campbell



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL GREEN CONSTRUCTION CODE (2018-IgCC)

- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston is committed to protecting all residents from dangerous environmental issues that contribute to global climate change; and
- WHEREAS:** Buildings contribute to over half of the City of Boston's greenhouse gas emissions; and
- WHEREAS:** Buildings that comply with net zero carbon requirements offset carbon emissions through designing a sustainable building envelope, retrofitting, and utilizing off-site renewable energy sources; and
- WHEREAS:** Buildings may measure their efficiency through a green building certification program developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) called Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), in which based on the number of points achieved, projects earn one of four rating levels; and
- WHEREAS:** In partnership with the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), American Institute of Architects (AIA), U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), and the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES), the International Code Council (ICC) will release an updated 2018 International Green Construction Code (2018-IgCC) that will align with LEED and further support high energy performance; and
- WHEREAS:** The ASHRAE and ICC have decided to consolidate the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) with *189.1, Standard for the Design of High-Performance, Green Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings* into a single model code to incorporate building design and construction that supports environmental health and safety; and **THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council supports the efforts led by the International Code Council to provide the design and construction industry with the highest quality and most effective way to support sustainable and high performance buildings with the 2018 International Green Construction Code (2018-IgCC); and **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council urges the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to consider the benefits of implementing 2018-IgCC as a supplement to their building code to commit to an innovative and robust green code.

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