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## **Council Bill Update**

This Bill updates references to the LEED rating systems. The original bill referenced LEED Standards version 2.2 for New Construction, and version 2.0 for Core and Shell. As of June 26, 2009 these are no longer being accepted by the U.S. Green Building Council. The updates to this legislation references LEED 2009 rating standards.

## **Council Resolution Update**

This resolution establishes a per square foot fee-in-lieu rate for buildings that are granted waivers to achieving the minimum LEED rating of "certified". Section 3.1007(c)(1) of the County Code states that a rate be established in a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the County Council. A rate of \$4.00 per square foot is being proposed. This was derived after consulting with commercial builders and designers, as well as those in the environmental and LEED community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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