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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2009 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 11

Bill No. 47 -2009

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to update references to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating systems in order to reflect current versions; to make a technical correction; and generally relating to Howard County's Green Buildings Law.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2009. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Stephen Le Gendre , Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2009.

By order _____
Stephen Le Gendre , Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2009 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Stephen Le Gendre , Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ____ day of _____, 2009 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Stephen Le Gendre , Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2009

Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that
2 subsection (a) of Section 3.1002 “Definitions”; Section 3.1004 “Standards for
3 Compliance”; and subsection (c) of Section 3.1008 “Green Building Fund”; all of
4 Subtitle 10 “Energy Efficiency and Environmental Design” of Title 3 “Buildings” of the
5 Howard County Code are amended to read as follows:

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7 **Title 3. Buildings.**

8 **Subtitle 10. Energy Efficiency and Environmental Design.**

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10 **Section 3.1002. Definitions.**

11 Unless specifically defined in this section, terms used in this subtitle have the meanings
12 set forth in the Howard County Building Code adopted in Subtitle 1 of this title.

13 (a) *Commissioning team* means a group that is:

14 (1) Made [[of]] up OF some or all of the following:

15 (i) The owner;

16 (ii) Occupants;

17 (iii) Operations and maintenance staff;

18 (iv) Design professionals; and

19 (v) Contractors; and

20 (2) Responsible for ensuring, through documented verification, that all new
21 building systems perform and interact according to original design
22 documents and the owner's operation needs.

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24 **Section 3.1004. Standards for compliance.**

25 (a) *Publicly Funded Buildings*. New construction of a publicly funded building that is
26 subject to this subtitle shall:

27 (1) Achieve a certification from the Green Building Council of a silver level
28 rating or higher in one of the following LEED 2009 rating systems:

29 (i) New Construction [[Version 2.2]]; or

30 (ii) Core and Shell [[Version 2.0]]; or

1 (2) Comply with energy and environmental design standards that the Director
2 may adopt by regulation as equivalent to a silver level rating in the
3 appropriate LEED rating system.

4 (b) *Other Buildings.* New construction of a nonpublicly funded building that is subject to
5 this subtitle shall:

6 (1) Achieve a certification from the Green Building Council of certified-level
7 rating or higher in one of the following LEED 2009 rating systems:

8 (i) New Construction [[Version 2.2]]; or

9 (ii) Core and Shell [[Version 2.0]]; or

10 (2) Comply with energy and environmental design standards that the Director
11 may adopt by regulation as equivalent to a certified-level rating in the
12 appropriate LEED rating system.

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14 **Section 3.1008. Green Building Fund.**

15 (c) *Use of the Green Building Fund.* Monies in the Green Building Fund may be used by
16 the County for the purpose of:

17 (1) Finding ways to reduce energy consumption;

18 (2) Providing technical assistance to the following building owners seeking to
19 achieve certification from the green building council of certified-level
20 rating or higher:

21 (i) Building owners retrofitting existing commercial buildings to the
22 LEED for Existing Buildings, 2009 RATING SYSTEM [[Version 2.0
23 Standard]]; or

24 (ii) Building owners developing newly constructed commercial
25 buildings with less than 50,000 gross square feet to the following
26 LEED 2009 RATING SYSTEMS [[standards]]:

27 a. New Construction[[, Version 2.2]]; or

28 b. Core and Shell [[Standard]]; and

29 (3) Providing education, training, and outreach to the public and private
30 sectors in green building practices.

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1 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,
2 *Maryland, that this Act shall not apply to a project registered with the Green Building*
3 *Council under LEED New Construction Version 2.2, LEED Core and Shell Version 2.0,*
4 *or LEED for Existing Buildings Version 2.0.*

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6 ***Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,
7 *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*