

3 Small Steps to Advance Our Building Energy Code toward Net Zero

An opportunity for Massachusetts Cities and Towns to set national building energy policy that pays a century of dividends to building occupants, power grids, local economies, and our climate.

All It Takes Is Your Votes.

Buildings account for approximately one-third of all greenhouse gas emissions in Massachusetts.

This November, cities and towns will vote to update America’s model energy

code – the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – impacting family budgets, power grids, local economies, and national energy and climate policy for generations to come. In turn, the IECC will then largely become the Massachusetts base building energy code in the next cycle. Of the 100,000+ potential voters eligible to vote in the last IECC update in 2016, fewer than 500 cast votes nationwide. With just 535 more pro-efficiency votes, the Massachusetts State Building Energy Code would have been 10% more efficient than it is today, reducing far more carbon emissions, saving households and business thousands more in reduced energy bills, and setting America on track for reduced reliance on energy. This year, we can lead the way in making buildings more efficient and climate-smart for our communities, state, and nation.

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By March 29, 2019	By Sep. 23, 2019	Nov. 13 - 27, 2019
Join (or update) your ICC Governmental Membership , pay dues, and name your “Primary Representative”	Primary Reps must register all voters with ICC , known as “Governmental Member Voting Representatives” (GMVRs)	Vote online via ICC’s “CDP Access,” website and assure all GMVRs cast their votes

STEP 1: **Pay** your International Code Council (ICC) “Governmental Member” dues

March 29, 2019 is the deadline to register for an ICC Governmental Membership to vote. See the table for membership dues & number of voters allowed per Governmental Member, such as a Planning, Sustainability, or Inspectional Services Department or Mayor’s Office. A municipality has no limit to the number of Governmental Members it can register, but they must be registered by March 29th.

Municipal population	0-50,000	50,001-150,000	Over 150,000
Number of allotted Voters per ICC-registered Governmental Member (GM)	4	8	12
Annual ICC dues per registered GM	\$135	\$240	\$370

ICC definition for voters: Governmental Member Voting Representatives (GMVRs) shall be designated in writing by the Governmental Member (GM) and shall be employees or officials of the GM or departments of the GM, provided that each of the designated voting representatives shall be an employee or a public official actively engaged either full or part time, in the administration, formulation, implementation or enforcement of laws, ordinances, rules or regulations relating to the public health, safety and welfare.

STEP 2: Register all Voters with ICC by September 23!

This is the most critical action! Only GMVRs registered by this date will be eligible to cast a vote in November 2019!

STEP 3: VOTE ONLINE in November. And make sure others do!

EECC’s forthcoming Voting Guide will help your team vote efficiently.