



SUMMARY OF THE CITY OF DAVIS GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE

The purpose of the Green Building Ordinance is to enhance public health and welfare and ensure that further residential, commercial, and civic development is consistent with the City's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design and construction of buildings. The green building provisions referenced in the ordinance are designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Encourage water and resource conservation;
- Reduce waste generated by construction projects;
- Increase energy efficiency in buildings;
- Provide durable buildings that are efficient and economical to own and operate; and
- Promote the health and productivity of residents, workers, and visitors to the City.

All building projects shall be constructed using the specified green building rating systems and shall be in compliance with the point thresholds as set forth by the green building ordinance.

The following projects are exempt from the requirements of the ordinance:

- Any new construction that is subject to the provisions of any development agreement existing on the date this ordinance takes effect.
- Any design review application deemed complete or any building permit application meeting the standards for building permit acceptance by the Building Division prior to the effective adoption date of this article. If any such applications expire prior to issuance of a building permit, those projects will become subject to the requirements of this article.
- Repair or renovation of any structure (regulated by the California Building Standards Code) for the express and sole purpose of performing seismic upgrades or accessibility upgrades.
- Structural and non-structural work authorized under the same building permit for seismic upgrades or accessibility upgrades that is required as a result of performing seismic upgrades or accessibility upgrades.
- Any project where a building permit is issued for the sole purpose of performing plumbing, electrical, or mechanical work.
- Installation of a roof covering on any existing building.
- Any covered project type that has not yet had a compliance threshold determined
- Repair of any structure (regulated by the California Building Standards Code) that is necessary when the structure has been damaged by fire, flood, wind, earthquake, or accident.
- Swimming pools

At the time of submittal for a building permit, the applicant shall submit documentation indicating the measures to be used to achieve the applicable compliance threshold. This documentation shall include:

- Applicable green building project checklist printed on the plans;
- Any other documentation that may be necessary to show compliance with the ordinance.

For more information including guidelines and checklists visit the following websites or the city website:

LEED for New Construction <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=220>

LEED for Commercial Interiors <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=145>

Build It Green New Single Family Dwelling & Remodeling <http://www.builditgreen.org/greenpoint-rated/guidelines>

U.S. Green Building Council (LEED) <http://www.usgbc.org/>

Build It Green <http://www.builditgreen.org/>

City of Davis http://www.cityofdavis.org/cdd/green_building.cfm