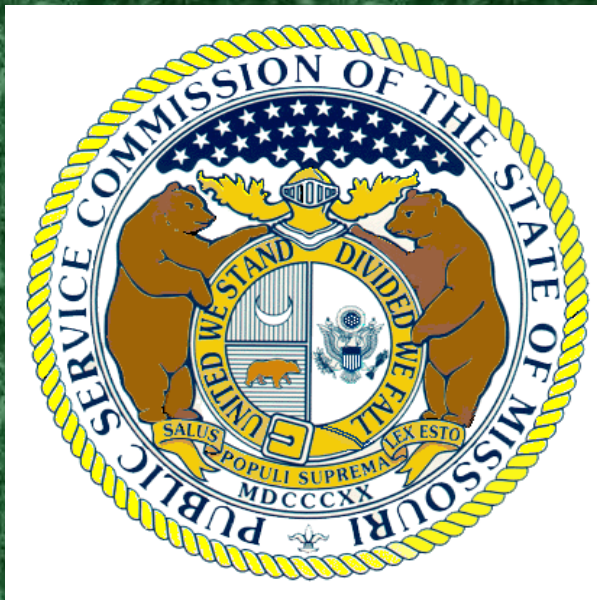


A Model Energy Efficiency Code: Why Missouri Should Consider It



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What Is An Energy Efficiency Code?

- A collection of laws designed to promote energy efficiency. Such codes could include:
 - building codes and standards
 - programs promoting highly efficient buildings
 - appliance standards for products not covered by federal efficiency standards.

Why Should Missouri Look At A “Model” Energy Efficiency Code?

- Missouri has great differences in weather patterns, population density and geography. A Model Energy Efficiency Code should allow communities to “opt in” and to accept, reject or modify standards as they see fit.
- Communities that adopt their own standards as their own are more likely to feel ownership in them and enforce them.
- Not subject to “Hancock” challenge as an unfunded mandate.

Why Should Missouri Look At A “Model” Energy Efficiency Code?

- Energy efficiency standards have been recommended by the Western Governor’s Association and at least one of the previous Governor’s task forces on this issue.
- Approximately 10 states and numerous municipalities in Missouri already have standards.
- A “model” code would make it easier for counties and municipalities in Missouri to adopt standards.

Why Should Missouri Consider a Model Energy Efficiency Code:

- Saves consumers money on their energy bills.
(Low-income housing is often the least energy efficient, which leads to high energy bills)
- Reduces dependence on fossil fuels.
- Reduces power plant emission of pollutants.
- Helps avoid construction of new, costly and often controversial electric plants.
- Helps keep rates low and maintain reliability of the system.

Why Should Missouri Consider A Model Energy Efficiency Code?

- We are continuing to see energy prices increase, especially coal and natural gas.
- An increasing percentage of the public is, or soon will be, sensitive to the energy efficiency of their household.
- Current energy efficiency standards across the state vary and the public has little information on what to look for when trying to obtain energy efficient housing.

Soliciting Input For A Possible Model Energy Efficiency Code:

- Appoint a 3-person subcommittee to study the issue;
- Identifying potential stakeholders and solicit input:
 - County & Municipal Officials
 - Government agencies that finance construction
 - Contractors, Homebuilders & Realtors
 - Conservation groups
 - Low-income advocates
 - Other interested parties;
- Develop specific recommendations for the task force and legislative action in 2007 Legislative Session.

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