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NEVADA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY

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Mr. Mark Miranda
City of Sparks, Building & Safety
431 Prater Way
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Dear Mr. Miranda;

Please accept this letter as the Governor's Office of Energy (GOE) acknowledgement of amendments to the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) developed by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council. GOE has determined that these proposed amendments either meet or exceed the 2012 IECC and therefore are found to be acceptable.

As you are aware, GOE adopted the 2012 IECC as the statewide minimum standard for the conservation of energy and energy efficiency in buildings effective July 1, 2015. However, the governing body of a local government that is authorized by law to adopt and enforce a building code may make amendments to the Code, which will not materially lessen the effective energy savings requirements of the Code and are deemed necessary to support Code compliance and enforcement, pursuant to NRS 701.220.

The proposed code amendments were reviewed by appointed energy code councils, local building officials, building inspectors, energy raters, engineers and builders. The results of the review process are incorporated into the proposed code amendments.

GOE staff participated in the Northern Nevada ICC 2012 IECC Committee meetings to increase understanding of the code amendments being considered. GOE reviewed the revisions and solicited comments regarding the adoption of the energy code amendments and based on the comments received, it was determined that it will not reduce the effective energy savings requirements and also support effective compliance and enforcement of the Code.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important process. If you have any questions, please contact Deana Cotroneo, Management Analyst at (775) 687-1850, extension 7320.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angie Dykema".

Angie Dykema
Director

Enclosure NRS 701.220

NRS 701.220 Adoption of regulations for energy conservation in buildings; exemptions; applicability and enforcement; procedures for adoption.

1. The Director shall adopt regulations for the conservation of energy in buildings, including manufactured homes. Such regulations must include the adoption of the most recent version of the *International Energy Conservation Code*, issued by the International Code Council, and any amendments to the *Code* that will not materially lessen the effective energy savings requirements of the *Code* and are deemed necessary to support effective compliance and enforcement of the *Code*, and must establish the minimum standards for:

- (a) The construction of floors, walls, ceilings and roofs;
- (b) The equipment and systems for heating, ventilation and air-conditioning;
- (c) Electrical equipment and systems;
- (d) Insulation; and
- (e) Other factors which affect the use of energy in a building.

□ The regulations must provide for the adoption of the most recent version of the *International Energy Conservation Code*, and any amendments thereto, every third year.

2. The Director may exempt a building from a standard if the Director determines that application of the standard to the building would not accomplish the purpose of the regulations.

3. The regulations must authorize allowances in design and construction for sources of renewable energy used to supply all or a part of the energy required in a building.

4. The standards adopted by the Director are the minimum standards for the conservation of energy and energy efficiency in buildings in this State. The governing body of a local government that is authorized by law to adopt and enforce a building code:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), shall incorporate the standards adopted by the Director in its building code;

(b) May adopt higher or more stringent standards and must report any such higher or more stringent standards, along with supporting documents, to the Director; and

(c) Shall enforce the standards adopted.

5. The Director shall solicit comments regarding the adoption of regulations pursuant to this section from:

- (a) Persons in the business of constructing and selling homes;
- (b) Contractors;
- (c) Public utilities;
- (d) Local building officials; and
- (e) The general public,

□ before adopting any regulations. The Director must conduct at least three hearings in different locations in the State, after giving 30 days' notice of each hearing, before the Director may adopt any regulations pursuant to this section.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1794; A 2001, 1251, 3266; 2003, 32; 2005, 22nd Special Session, 76; 2009, 986, 1375; 2011, 2059)