

## MOTION

In December 2016, the Los Angeles City Council adopted the Existing Building Energy and Water Efficiency (EBEWE) ordinance (Ordinance # 184674), the most comprehensive energy and water efficiency law for existing buildings in the US. The purpose of the program is to reduce energy and water consumption in buildings, including existing buildings, in the City of Los Angeles. These efficiencies in energy and water consumption will lower the use of energy, water, and greenhouse gas emissions citywide.

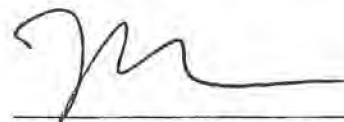
In 2017, the Department of Building and Safety in coordination with other departments and agencies began implementing the ordinance. Now in its third year of implementation, all buildings that are required to benchmark their energy and water consumption data have been notified. Subsequently, the City is now preparing for the Audits and Retro-commissioning phase of the EBEWE Program, which will evaluate base building systems and equipment and propose retrofit measures that can reduce energy and water consumption.

Following the implementation of this ordinance, it has come to the City's attention that certain revisions may be needed for the purpose of adding clarification, enhancing the data quality, as well as making sure that building owners mandated to comply are clear on the program requirements stipulated in the ordinance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance that includes the following revisions to the Existing Building Energy and Water Efficiency Program (C.F. 14-1478) (Ordinance #184674):

- Clarify the definitions of building systems and equipment;
- Evaluate the need for the Annual Energy and Water Benchmarking report to be certified by a California licensed engineer or architect in order to ensure quality of data;
- Clarify which data is needed for submission of a benchmarking report;
- Assess the usage of the Building ID as a means to determine the schedule for Audits and Retro-Commissioning Report instead of the Los Angeles County Assessor's Identification Number; and
- Evaluate the need to revise or clarify the deadlines associated with the Schedule for the Audits and Retro-Commissioning reports.

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