Stretch Code Adoption and Implementation Flow Charts

A stretch code is an alternative compliance path that goes beyond the minimum base energy code requirements and defines a higher level of energy efficiency for new construction. If adopted by a municipality, the stretch code becomes the new minimum level new buildings must hit.

Preparation

Staff or policymakers start prep work to ensure support of policy.

Policy Definition

This step defines what the stretch code will encompass. This could include energy efficiency but also other provisions like electric vehicles, solar, etc.

Stretch Code Policy Adoption

Once stretch code goals are defined, policymakers or city staff will work with organizations to finalize the code language and seek input and support from local stakeholders to create final draft language. Staff and policymakers decide parameters of policy and timing for passage.

Implementation

Staff work to implement the policy with support from utilities and MMC. Review compliance with stretch code every few years to ensure on track for long-term goals.

ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

Establish community engagement process

Analyze new construction starts

Determine which version of Stretch Code is available (v1 available Jan 1, 2025)

LEGEND

Data Analysis

Local Stakeholder Engagement

Decisions / Process
Development

Seek local feedback

Secure champion policymaker(s)

Define long-term policy goal

Define scope of covered buildings, timeline, interim targets, and code language

Seek final local Encourage feedback on stakeholders to language express support in community Create Introduce educational ordinance materials: educate the public **Engage utilities** Provide on program supporting testimony support Educate Present policymakers implementation strategies/ supportive Finalize ordinance

language

programs

Educate the Seek local community on feedback requirements annually **Educate staff** Track + ensure and ensure compliance at deadlines adequate staffing Establish tools Share results and resources with community with MMC + utilities Disseminate Update policy compliance and refine tools/training/ tools/training/

support for

compliance

support

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