

LEGAL NOTICE



Bylaw Amendment

Notice is hereby given that the following amendments to the Town of Reading's General Bylaw were adopted under Articles 12 of the Warrant for the Subsequent Town Meeting that convened on November 9 and 12, 2020.

The Office of the Attorney General approved Articles 12 on March 18, 2021.

**ARTICLE 12:** On motion made by the Select Board Move that the Town vote to amend Article 7 of the Town of Reading General Bylaw by adding a new section 7.10 as follows:

**7.10 Stretch Energy Code**

**7.10.1 Definitions**

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms, as used in Section 7.10, shall have the following meanings:

**7.10.1.1 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)**

The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

**7.10.1.2 Stretch Energy Code**

Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts building code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

**7.10.2 Purpose**

The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code bylaw is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

**7.10.3 Stretch Energy Code**

The Stretch Energy Code, as codified by the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards at 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is hereby adopted and shall be applicable to the construction or modification of all residential and commercial buildings. The requirements of the Stretch Code shall be enforceable by the Building Inspector upon approval by the state, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Roll Call Vote  
112 Voted in the affirmative  
36 Voted in the negative  
4 Abstained  
28 Did not cast a vote  
180 Town Meeting Members in Attendance

A true copy Attest:

Laura A Gemme, CMC /CMMC  
Town Clerk