

Energy Efficiency

Points: 10

13.) Community Energy Codes

Establish a program to enforce Georgia's energy codes.

DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE

The local government has a program with procedures to enforce Georgia's energy codes in residential and commercial construction. Georgia's energy codes are the eight mandatory construction codes from the 2006 Edition: International Building Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical code, International Plumbing Code, National Electrical Code (2008 Edition), International Fire Code, International Energy Conservation Code, and International Residential Code (residential only). These codes are adopted and amended by Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and are known as the International Energy Conservation Code. Enforcement is defined as the active inspection of constructed properties to ensure each of the eight codes is followed during the construction process. A REScheck report conducted by the local government or a Home Energy Rating Systems (HERS) Rater, a professional certified to do home energy ratings, for air sealing and insulation would suffice as inspection for residential properties. A COMcheck report conducted by the local government for air sealing and insulation would suffice as inspection for commercial properties.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR CREDIT

- ✓ A copy of the policy stating the local government will enforce the most recent version of the International Energy Conservation Code as adopted and amended by DCA
- ✓ A copy of the documents used by the inspector to ensure the energy codes are followed

Douglas County has a program that enforces Georgia's eight mandatory energy codes from the 2006 Edition. All insulation is required to be completed, inspected and approved and the energy code compliance work sheet is required to be posted on-site.