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# City and Town of Ithaca Release Ithaca Energy Code Supplement Draft

Public Information Sessions to be held September 12 and 16

The draft Ithaca Energy Code Supplement (aka the Green Building Policy) is open for public comment. The City of Ithaca and the Town of Ithaca will be hosting two public meetings to share information and solicit comments.

The City and the Town have been working on a Green Building Policy (GBP) since 2017. In May 2018 the City Common Council and the Town Board adopted the GBP Report, which contained recommendations for code requirements that would substantially reduce carbon emissions in all new buildings, while emphasizing and supporting affordability.

Since then, a working group made up of City of Ithaca and Town of Ithaca elected officials, senior staff, and other staff members, in conjunction with consultants Stream Collaborative and Taitem Engineering, have worked to add the necessary details to the GBP report recommendations.

The product is the current draft of the Ithaca Energy Code Supplement. This is meant to be an easy-to-understand document that includes the content that will be in the final Energy Code Supplement, but is formatted for ease of discussion and editing.

The Code will require all new buildings to be constructed to produce 40% fewer GHG emissions than New York State code requires and will ramp down to require net-zero new construction by 2030.

The August 8, 2019 draft Ithaca Energy Code Supplement is now being circulated for public comment. Two public meetings will be held where Sustainability Coordinator Nick Goldsmith will be joined by members of the working group and consultant team to present a summary of the legislation and to field questions and comments from community members. The meetings will be free and open to the public.

### **Public Meeting 1**

**Date:** September 12, 2019, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Ithaca Town Hall  
215 North Tioga Street  
Ithaca, NY

### **Public Meeting 2**

**Date:** September 16, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Ithaca Town Hall  
215 North Tioga Street  
Ithaca, NY

Staff and consultants will incorporate public feedback and work with City and Town committees and departments to more formally codify the Code Supplement before bringing it back to the Planning and Economic Development Committee of Common Council and the Town of Ithaca Town Board in the coming months to consider adoption. In its June 5, 2019 resolution to adopt a Green New Deal, the City of Ithaca endorsed adoption of the Green Building Policy in 2019 as one of the actions necessary to reach the goal of achieving carbon-neutrality city-wide by 2030.

You may download the draft Ithaca Energy Code Supplement and find additional information at [www.ithacagreenbuilding.com](http://www.ithacagreenbuilding.com). You may submit comments about the draft code supplement at the public meetings, by emailing Nick Goldsmith at [ngoldsmith@cityofithaca.org](mailto:ngoldsmith@cityofithaca.org), or by mailing comments to the City of Ithaca Planning Department at 108 E. Green Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. Comments are requested by September 30, 2019.

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