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2 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**
3 **OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RELATING TO**
4 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY; CREATING**
5 **CHAPTER 15 OF THE ORLANDO CITY CODE**
6 **ENTITLED "SUSTAINABILITY"; ESTABLISHING A**
7 **BUILDING ENERGY BENCHMARKING PROGRAM;**
8 **PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS,**
9 **AND ; PROVIDING BENCHMARKING AND**
10 **NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN**
11 **COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS; PROVIDING A SCHEDULE**
12 **FOR COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR**
13 **VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY,**
14 **CODIFICATION, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S**
15 **ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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18 **WHEREAS**, energy used in buildings accounts for approximately three-fourths
19 of Orlando's emissions of the gases that contribute to public health impacts and climate
20 change, including sea-level rise, increasing temperatures, and more intense storms; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the three Water Management Districts responsible for managing
23 water resources in Central Florida anticipate that by 2035 an additional 250 million
24 gallons of water will be used per day in Central Florida beyond the Floridan Aquifer's
25 sustainable capacity; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, by 2018, the Green Works Orlando Community Action Plan
28 (approved in August 2013) calls for a reduction of city-wide energy use by 5%, reduction
29 of our carbon pollution by 25%, and reduction of gross potable water consumption per
30 capita by 3%; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, the Green Works Orlando Taskforce, comprised of a broad
33 representation of leaders within the community recommended in 2013 that the City of
34 Orlando adopt a building energy benchmarking and reporting, auditing, and retro-
35 commissioning ordinance as a component of a more comprehensive set of actions to
36 increase energy efficiency of buildings in Orlando, and reduce greenhouse gas
37 emissions, such recommendations being accepted by City Council by approval of the
38 2013 Green Works Community Action Plan; and
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40 **WHEREAS**, more than 15 major U.S. cities and counties, including New York,
41 Chicago, Atlanta, Boulder, Kansas City and others, have adopted similar requirements,
42 thus demonstrating the acceptability, legality and feasibility of such requirements; and
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44 **WHEREAS**, energy and water use information and systemic management
45 assists building owners in making cost-effective efficiency investments, thereby not only
46 reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) and other air pollutant emissions from the burning of
47 fossil fuels, but also reducing operating cost, improving indoor comfort, and providing
48 resiliency against drought; and
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50 **WHEREAS**, climate action and energy and water efficiency spurs Orlando's
51 green economy and job creation; makes Orlando more attractive for people and
52 businesses; and underlines Orlando's innovative leadership across Florida and the U.S.;
53 and

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55 **WHEREAS**, OUC has stated that effective energy and water efficiency policies
56 can delay the need for costly new energy and water generation facilities that will likely
57 increase utility costs for all ratepayers; and

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59 **WHEREAS**, the City of Orlando was selected as one of only ten cities in the
60 United States to participate in the City Energy Project (CEP), a national initiative to
61 create healthier and more prosperous American cities by improving the energy efficiency
62 of buildings through innovative and practical solutions that cut energy waste, boost local
63 economies, and reduce harmful pollution; and

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65 **WHEREAS**, the City of Orlando as a participant in the CEP is committed to
66 pioneering actions that will serve as models for communities nationwide and around the
67 world; and

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69 **WHEREAS**, the Orlando City Council hereby finds that adopting this ordinance is
70 in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of
71 Orlando.

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73 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY**
74 **OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

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76 **SECTION 1. CH. 15, CREATED.** Chapter 15, Code of the City of Orlando,
77 Florida, is hereby created as follows:

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80 **CHAPTER 15 - SUSTAINABILITY**

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82 **PART I. BUILDING ENERGY BENCHMARKING**

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84 **Section 15.01. Purpose and intent.**

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86 It is the intent of this Part I of this Chapter to make relevant and comparable
87 information on building energy usage intensity readily available within the marketplace;
88 reduce the emissions and air pollutants, including greenhouse gases, from energy
89 consumption; encourage efficient use of energy and water resources; and promote
90 further investments in the real estate marketplace by requiring reporting and
91 transparency of energy usage in certain large buildings in accordance with this article.

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93 **Section 15.02. Definitions.**

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95 The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in Part I of this Chapter,
96 shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
97 clearly indicates a different meaning:
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99 (1) “Anonymized data” means data that does not reveal names, addresses, or any other
100 information that would identify an individual or business.

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102 (2) “Audit report” means the final document produced by the energy auditor including but
103 not limited to:

- 104
105 (a) the summary audit report,
106 (b) a general assessment of how the major energy consuming equipment and
107 systems used within tenant spaces impact the energy consumption of the
108 base building systems based on a representative sample of spaces as
109 determined by the director, and
110 (c) narratives, photographs, and any additional explanatory information as
111 required to describe the results of the audit.

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113 (3) “Base building systems” means the systems or subsystems of a building that use or
114 distribute energy and/or water and/or impact energy and/or water consumption,
115 including:

- 116
117 (a) The building envelope,
118 (b) The HVAC (heating ventilating and air conditioning) systems,
119 (c) Conveying systems,
120 (d) Electrical and lighting systems,
121 (e) Domestic hot water systems,
122 (f) Water distribution systems,
123 (g) Plumbing fixtures and other water-using equipment, and
124 (h) Landscape irrigation systems and fountains.

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126 Base building systems do not include:

- 127
128 (i) Systems or subsystems owned by residential tenants, condominium unit
129 owners, or cooperative unit shareholders, or a system or subsystems for which
130 such residential tenants, condominium unit owners, or cooperative unit
131 shareholders bear full maintenance responsibility and that is within the residential
132 tenant’s, condominium unit owner’s, or cooperative unit shareholder’s leased or
133 owned space and/or exclusively serves such leased or owned space.
134 (ii) Systems or subsystems owned by a non-residential tenant or for which a non-
135 residential tenant bears full maintenance responsibility; and that is within the
136 tenant’s leased space and/or exclusively serves such leased space; and for
137 which the tenant pays all the energy bills according to usage and demand as
138 measured by a meter or sub-meter.
139 (iii) Systems or subsystems of any industrial, or manufacturing processes, or of
140 an “amusement ride” as that term is defined in section 616.242(3)(a), Florida
141 Statutes.

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143 (4) “Benchmark” means to input and submit the total energy consumed for a property for
144 the previous calendar year and other descriptive information for such property as
145 required by the benchmarking tool. Total energy consumption shall not include
146 separately metered uses that are not integral to building operations, such as broadcast
147 antennas and electric vehicle charging stations, as determined by the director.
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- 149 (5) "Benchmarking submission" means a subset of:
150
151 (a) Information inputted into the benchmarking tool; and
152 (b) Benchmarking information generated by the benchmarking tool, as
153 determined by the director.
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- 155 (6) "Benchmarking tool" means the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY
156 STAR Portfolio Manager, or any functionally equivalent or superior tool selected by the
157 owner and approved by the director, used to track and assess the energy use of certain
158 buildings relative to similar properties.
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- 160 (7) "Building management system" means a computer-based system that monitors and
161 controls a building's mechanical and electrical equipment, such as HVAC, lighting,
162 power, fire, and security systems.
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- 164 (8) "Continuous commissioning" means an ongoing process of comparing data obtained
165 through the building management system with analytic models; identifying
166 problematic sensors, controls and equipment; and resolving operating problems,
167 optimizing energy use and identifying retrofits for existing buildings.
- 168 (9) "Covered city property" means a property:
169
170 (a) That exceeds 10,000 gross square feet in total gross floor area; and
171 (b) That is owned by the city or for which the city regularly pays all or part of the
172 annual energy bills.
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- 174 (10) "Covered non-city property" means a property, other than covered city property:
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176 (a) That exceeds 50,000 gross square feet in total gross floor area; or
177 (b) That has one or more buildings held in the condominium form of ownership
178 that is governed by the same board of managers and that equals or exceeds
179 50,000 gross square feet in total combined floor area.
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- 181 (11) "Covered property" means any covered city property or covered non-city property.
- 182 (12) "Current facility requirements" means the owner's current operational needs and
183 requirements for a building, including temperature and humidity set points, operating
184 hours, filtration, and any integrated requirements such as controls, warranty review, and
185 service contract review.
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- 187 (13) "Director" means the director of the City of Orlando's Office of Sustainability &
188 Energy.
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- 190 (14) "Energy" means electricity, natural gas, steam, or other product sold by a utility to a
191 customer of a property, or renewable on-site electricity generation, for purposes of
192 providing heating, cooling, lighting, water heating, or for powering or fueling other end-
193 uses captured by ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager.
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195 (15) “Energy audit” or “audit” means a systematic process of identifying and developing
196 modifications and improvements of the base building systems, including but not limited
197 to alterations of such systems and the installation of new equipment, insulation or other
198 generally recognized energy efficiency technologies to optimize energy use performance
199 of the building and achieve energy savings, provided that such process shall be at least
200 as stringent as or comparable to the Level 2 Energy Survey and Engineering Analysis of
201 the most recent edition of Procedures for Commercial Building Energy Audits published
202 by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers Inc.
203 (ASHRAE). Eligible audits such as the ASHRAE Building Energy Quotient (bEQ) and/or
204 the free commercial audit offered by a utility provider will be allowed to comply with the
205 audit requirements.

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207 (16) “Energy auditor” means an individual possessing such certifications as determined
208 by the director to perform or directly supervise individuals performing energy audits and
209 to certify audit reports required by this ordinance. The auditor could be an employee or
210 contractor hired by the reporting entity, an employee of the utility provider, or a third-
211 party service provider who qualifies with the minimum criteria. Until such time as there is
212 a US Department of Energy (DOE)-recognized standard establishing qualifications for
213 persons performing energy audits and such standard has been adopted by the office, an
214 energy auditor and any member(s) of the team that such auditor supervises shall have
215 the certifications or qualifications as the office deems to be appropriate. After the
216 establishment of such a DOE-recognized standard, the office may adopt the
217 qualifications of the DOE-recognized standard with modifications as the office deems to
218 be appropriate. In the interim, energy auditors shall have earned one or more of the
219 following credentials and have two or more years of auditing experience: licensed
220 Professional Engineers (PE), Certified Energy Managers (CEM), Certified Facilities
221 Manager (CFM), Building Energy Assessment Professional (BEAP), Existing Building
222 Commissioning Professional (EBCP), or Certified Energy Auditor (CEA).

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224 (17) “Energy management system” means a system incorporating interior temperature
225 sensors and a central processing unit and controls, which are used to monitor and
226 control gas, steam, and oil usage, as is applicable.

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228 (18) “ENERGY STAR score” means the 1-100 score or the Energy Use Intensity (EUI)
229 numeric rating generated by the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool.

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231 (19) “ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager” means the tool developed and maintained by
232 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to track and assess the relative energy
233 performance of buildings nationwide.

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235 (20) “Financial hardship” (of a property) means a property that:

- 236
237 (a) Had arrears of property taxes or water or wastewater charges that resulted
238 in the property’s inclusion, within two years prior to the due date of a
239 summary audit/retro-commissioning report, on the Orange County Property
240 Appraiser’s annual tax lien sale list;
241 (b) Has a court appointed receiver is in control of the asset due to financial
242 distress;
243 (c) Is owned by a financial institution through default by the borrower;
244 (d) Has been acquired by a deed in lieu of foreclosure; or

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245 (e) Has a senior mortgage subject to a notice of default.

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247 (21) “Office” means the City of Orlando Office of Sustainability & Energy.

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249 (22) “Owner” means any of the following:

- 250
251 (a) An individual or entity possessing title to a covered property or covered city
252 small property;
253 (b) The net lessee in the case of a property subject to a triple net lease;
254 (c) The board of managers in the case of a condominium;
255 (d) The board of directors in the case of a cooperative apartment corporation; or
256 (e) An agent authorized to act on behalf of any of the above.

257
258 (23) “Qualified Benchmarker” means an individual or entity that possesses a
259 benchmarking certification or other credential or credentials approved by the director.
260 Qualified Benchmarkers include Registered Architects (RAs), Professional Engineers
261 (PEs) licensed in the State of Florida, Certified Energy Managers (CEM), Certified
262 Facilities Managers (CFMs), Building Energy Audits Professionals (BEAPs), Individuals
263 with a Certificate of Proficiency of Benchmarking (CPB), Real Property Administrators
264 (RPAs), Facilities Management Administrators (FMAs), System Maintenance
265 Administrators (SMAs), System Maintenance Technicians (SMTs), High Performance
266 Managers (HPMs), Certified Healthcare Facility Managers (CHFMs), Certified Plant
267 Maintenance Managers (CPMMs), or designated staff with at least three years of
268 professional experience performing benchmarking and energy audits on similar types of
269 buildings, or additional credentials approved by the director.

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271 (24) “Retro-commissioning” means a systematic process for optimizing the energy
272 efficiency of existing base building systems through the identification and correction of
273 deficiencies in such systems, including, but not limited to, repairs of defects, cleaning,
274 adjustments of valves, sensors, controls or programmed settings, and/or changes in
275 operational practices.

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277 (25) “Retro-commissioning measure” means a correction that has been identified during
278 the analysis phase of retro-commissioning.

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280 (26) “Retro-commissioning professional” means an individual or hired contractor, who
281 shall not be on the staff of the property being retro-commissioned, authorized by the
282 office to certify retro-commissioning reports required by this ordinance. Until such time
283 as there is a U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”)-recognized standard establishing
284 qualifications for persons who perform retro-commissioning and such standard has been
285 adopted by the office, a retro-commissioning professional or member(s) of the team
286 such professional supervises shall have such qualifications or certifications as
287 determined by the office. After the establishment of such a DOE-recognized standard,
288 the office may adopt the qualifications of the DOE-recognized standard with such
289 modifications as the office deems to be appropriate.

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291 (27) “Retro-commissioning report” means the final document produced by the retro-
292 commissioning professional including, but not limited to,:

- 293
294 (a) Summary retro-commissioning report;

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- 295 (b) Benchmarking output;
296 (c) List of repairs completed during investigation;
297 (d) List of deficiencies corrected, including, for each deficiency, the date of the
298 correction, by whom the correction was made, the actual cost, projected
299 annual savings, the net present value, and simple payback for each
300 measure;
301 (e) Testing protocol, including a list of all equipment types tested, a list of the
302 sample rates (percent of each type of equipment tested) for each equipment
303 type tested, the testing methodology, including any diagnostic equipment
304 used, the test results, and a list of integrated system testing performed; and
305 (f) Master list of findings, including for each, the name of the retro-
306 commissioning measure, a brief description of the measure, recommended
307 corrections, the benefits attained, estimated annual savings (energy and
308 cost), the estimated implementation cost, the net present value, and the
309 simple payback.
310

311 (28) "Shared benchmarking information" means information generated by the
312 benchmarking tool and descriptive information about the physical property and its
313 operational characteristics that is shared with the public. The information, as defined by
314 ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager's glossary, must include, but is not limited to:
315

- 316 (a) Descriptive information
317 1. Property address;
318 2. Primary use type;
319 3. Gross floor area;
320 (b) Output information
321 1. Site energy use intensity (Site EUI);
322 2. Weather normalized source energy use intensity (Source EUI);
323 3. Total annual greenhouse gas emissions;
324 4. The ENERGY STAR score, where available; and
325 (c) Compliance or noncompliance with this ordinance.
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327 (29) "Space" means an area within a building enclosed by floor to ceiling walls,
328 partitions, windows and doors.
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330 (30) "Substantial improvement" means any repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation,
331 addition, or improvement of a property, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent
332 of the market value of the property before the improvement or repair is started.
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334 (31) "Summary audit report" means the abbreviated report certified by the energy auditor
335 on a form determined by the office that shall include at a minimum:
336

- 337 (a) Information on the energy auditor and his/her team;
338 (b) The date the audit was completed;
339 (c) Property information (such as building address, building age, gross floor area
340 as defined by ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager's glossary, number of
341 buildings on the property, year of major renovation or remodel, etc.);
342 (d) Building ID number, as referenced in the benchmarking submission;
343 (e)

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- 344 (f) The building's benchmarking submission for the previous calendar year
345 consistent with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
346 Portfolio Manager tool or as otherwise established by the office;
347

348 (32) "Summary retro-commissioning report" means the abbreviated report certified by
349 the retro-commissioning professional on a form determined by the office that shall
350 include at a minimum:
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- 352 (a) Retro-commissioning team information;
353 (b) The date the retro-commissioning was completed;
354 (c) Property information (such as building address, building age, gross floor
355 area as defined by ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager's glossary, number of
356 buildings on the property, etc.);
357 (d) Building staff information;
358 (e) List of repairs or modifications completed during investigation
359

360 (33) "System" or "subsystem" means a building assembly made up of various
361 components that serve a specific function including but not limited to exterior walls,
362 windows, doors, roofs, ceilings, floors, lighting, piping, ductwork, insulation, HVAC
363 system equipment or components, electrical appliances and plumbing appliances.
364

365 (34) "Tenant" means a person or entity occupying or holding possession of a building,
366 part of a building or premises pursuant to a rental or lease agreement.
367

368 (35) "Theme park" means an entertainment or resort complex comprised of at least 25
369 acres of land with permanent exhibitions and a variety of recreational activities, which
370 has at least 1 million visitors annually. Excluded from this definition are (a) hotels, and
371 (b) those administrative buildings, office buildings, and warehouses that support the
372 theme park and its operations but are not typically open to theme park visitors..
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374 (36) "Utility" means an entity that distributes and sells natural gas, electric, water, or
375 thermal energy services for buildings.
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377 **Section 15.03. Benchmarking requirements.**
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379 (1) No later than May 1, 2017, and no later than every May 1 each year thereafter,
380 each covered city property shall benchmark energy use for the previous calendar
381 year by the entity primarily responsible for the management of such property, in
382 coordination with the director. However, benchmarking is not required for a covered
383 city property, if:
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- 385 (a) the property does not have a certificate of occupancy or temporary certificate
386 of occupancy for the full calendar year being benchmarked, or
387 (b) full demolition permit has been issued during the previous calendar year,
388 provided that demolition work has commenced, some energy-related systems
389 have been compromised and legal occupancy is no longer possible prior to
390 May 1, or
391 (c) the property does not receive utility services.
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393 (2) No later than May 1, 2018, and no later than every May 1 each year thereafter,
394 the owner of a covered non-city property shall benchmark energy use of such
395 property for the previous calendar year. However, benchmarking is not required for a
396 covered non-city property, if:
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- 398 (a) it meets any of the exemptions defined for a covered city property; or
399 (b) the director determines that, due to special circumstances unique to the
400 applicant's facility and not based on a condition caused by actions of the
401 applicant, strict compliance with provisions of this ordinance would cause
402 undue hardship or would not be in the public interest; or
403 (c) the property qualifies as having a financial hardship; or
404 (d) the property is considered "industry," "manufacturing," or is part of a theme
405 park; or
406 (e) substantially all of such non-city property is used for telecommunications
407 infrastructure; or
408 (f) more than 3 meters are associated with the covered non-city property, and,
409 (i) the electric utility does not provide whole-building data aggregation
410 services, and,
411 (ii) the owner does not have access to master meters or other means.
412 Once such services are available from the utility, as determined by the office,
413 such buildings will no longer be exempt from benchmarking requirements,
414 and such buildings shall file initial benchmarking reports in the year following
415 such data availability according to the schedule established in this part.
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418 Any entity or owner requesting an exemption from benchmarking shall provide the
419 director, by February 1 in the year for which the exemption is requested, any
420 documentation reasonably necessary to substantiate the request or otherwise assist
421 the director in the exemption determination. Any exemption granted shall be limited
422 to the benchmarking submission date for which the request was made and does not
423 extend to past or future submittals.
424

425 (3) The owner shall annually provide a benchmarking submission for each covered
426 property to the director, in an electronic format through U.S. EPA ENERGY STAR
427 Portfolio Manager, or as established by the director, by the date specified in this Part.
428

429 (4) Benchmarking must be performed by a "Qualified Benchmarker", who shall enter
430 such information into the benchmarking tool as a "Unique Identifier" for such property
431 in order to verify that they possess the required qualifications.
432

433 (5) Before making a benchmarking submission, the Qualified Benchmarker shall run all
434 automated data quality-checker functions available within the benchmarking tool, and
435 shall correct all missing or incorrect information identified.
436

437 (6) Where the current owner learns that any information reported as part of the
438 benchmarking submission is inaccurate or incomplete, the information so reported
439 must be amended in the benchmarking tool by Qualified Benchmarker, and the
440 owner shall provide the director with an updated benchmarking submission
441 performed by a Qualified Benchmarker within 30 days of learning of the inaccuracy.

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443 **Section 15.04. Benchmarking data collection and input.**
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445 An owner shall direct a Qualified Benchmarker to enter data into the Benchmarking
446 Tool, in a manner generally as follows:

447
448 (a) Whenever possible, owners should benchmark their building(s) using whole-
449 property utility data:

- 450 i. Whole-property utility data can be obtained by a utility company; or
451 by receiving data from all tenants, from master meters; or
452 ii. If a utility company has made aggregated utility data available to
453 owners before the reporting date of that calendar year, then an
454 owner must benchmark using whole-property utility data for that
455 utility.

456
457 (b) When an owner does not have whole-property information sufficient to fulfill
458 these requirements and has made a reasonable effort to obtain from a tenant
459 the information required, but that information has not been received from that
460 tenant, the owner shall not be relieved of their benchmarking obligations, and
461 must complete benchmarking using such alternate default values as provided
462 by the then-existing US EPA Energy Star program.

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464 **Section 15.05. Sharing and analysis of benchmarking information.**
465

466 (1) The director shall make available to the public on the internet the shared
467 benchmarking information for the previous calendar year according to the following
468 schedule:

469
470 (a) For each covered city property, no later than September 1, 2018, and each
471 September 1 thereafter; and

472 (b) For each covered non-city property, no later than September 1, 2019, and each
473 September 1 thereafter.

474
475 (2) Below is a summary table of the first compliance dates:
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	<u>Notification of Benchmarking Requirement by the City</u>	<u>Required Benchmarking and Reporting by the Owner</u>	<u>Transparency of Benchmarking Output Information issued by the City</u>
<u>Covered city property</u>	<u>December 1, 2016</u>	<u>May 1, 2017</u>	<u>September 1, 2018</u>
<u>Covered non-city property</u>	<u>December 1, 2017</u>	<u>May 1, 2018</u>	<u>September 1, 2019</u>

477
478 (3) The city may provide non-anonymized data from benchmarking submissions to any
479 utility serving a covered building or to any federal, state, or city-managed energy
480 efficiency program, provided that the data will be used only for purposes of targeting
481 incentives provided through energy efficiency programs, and provided that the city has
482 first obtained the covered building owner's written or electronic permission to share the
483 data with the utility or energy efficiency program. Where the building owner's permission
484 can be granted electronically through acceptance of a default option, the city shall
485 provide a clearly delineated option for owners of covered buildings to choose to opt out
486 of granting this permission.

487
488 **Section 15.06. Notification by the city for benchmarking requirements.**

- 489
490 (1) By December 1 of each year that benchmarking requirements are in effect, the
491 director shall publicly post on the internet a list of all covered properties that must
492 provide a benchmarking submission to the director by the appropriate submission
493 date in the following year.
494
495 (2) Such notification may occur electronically via a posting to the office website and/or
496 by direct mail. Failure to provide such notification shall not relieve the property
497 owner of the requirement to comply with the benchmarking and other requirements
498 of this ordinance.

499
500 **Section 15.07. Providing benchmarking information to the property owner.**

- 501
502 (1) The owner of a covered property shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure the
503 tenants within the covered property provide all information that cannot otherwise
504 be acquired by the owner and that is needed by the owner to comply with the
505 requirements of this ordinance.
506
507 (2) When the owner of a covered property receives notice that a nonresidential tenant
508 is vacating a space, such owner shall request information relating to such tenant's
509 energy use for any period of occupancy relevant to the owner's obligation to
510 benchmark, but only if the utility does not provide this information through whole-
511 building utility data. The landlord of such premises shall make all reasonable
512 efforts to obtain energy use data from the vacating tenants within 30 days of the
513 notice to vacate.
514
515 (3) When a covered property changes ownership, the previous owner must provide
516 the new owner all information for the months of the calendar year being
517 benchmarked during the time the previous owner was still in possession of the
518 property.
519
520 (4) Where the owner is unable to benchmark due to the failure of a utility and/or any
521 or all nonresidential tenants to report the information required by this ordinance,
522 the owner shall complete benchmarking requirement using such alternate default
523 values as established by the director.

524
525 **Section 15.08. Energy audit requirements.**

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- 527 (1) The owner of a covered property shall ensure that an energy audit or a retro-
528 commissioning is performed on the base building systems of such property. In
529 addition, an energy audit or retro-commissioning report must be generated, and a
530 summary audit or retro-commissioning report must be filed with the office in
531 accordance with the scheduling requirements below in section 15.09.
532
- 533 (2) An energy audit or retro-commissioning shall be performed by or under the
534 supervision of an energy auditor or retro-commissioning professional. The audit
535 process shall cover the base building systems and shall identify at a minimum all
536 items defined in the audit or retro-commissioning report. The retro-commissioning
537 process shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted practices of the
538 industry as approved by the director.
539
- 540 (3) Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent an owner from performing an energy audit
541 and retro-commissioning in a combined process, provided that all the requirements
542 applicable to this ordinance are met.
543
- 544 (4) An energy audit or retro-commissioning is not required if any of the following are met:
545
- 546 (a) The property is exempt from benchmarking pursuant to section 15.03.
547 (b) The property provides evidence of financial hardship or has received a demolition
548 permit within the previous year.
549 (c) The property has received an official ENERGY STAR benchmark score at or
550 above 50.
551 (d) If there is no ENERGY STAR 1-100 score for the building type, a registered
552 design professional shall submit documentation, as specified in rules promulgated by
553 the director, that the property's energy use intensity (EUI) is equivalent to or better
554 than the median performance of all covered buildings of its type.
555 (e) The covered property has received certification under the LEED 2009 rating
556 system for Existing Buildings or Operation and Maintenance: Existing Buildings
557 Version 4 rating system or future iterations of LEED published by the USGBC or
558 other comparable rating systems for existing buildings, as determined by the director.
559 (f) The covered property is currently certified under the Florida Green Lodging
560 program, or LEED 2009 rating system for Existing Buildings or Operation and
561 Maintenance: Existing Buildings Version 4 rating system, or future iterations of LEED
562 published by the USGBC, or other comparable rating systems for existing buildings
563 (e.g. Green Globes) as determined by the director.
564 (g) The covered property shows energy use improvement in their ENERGY STAR
565 score by 10 points, or 15% or greater in equivalent EUI based on the median
566 performance of all covered buildings of its type. This improvement will be compared
567 to the baseline year that required the energy audit or retro-commissioning
568 requirement. This exemption must be verified by a certified by an energy auditor or a
569 retro-commissioning professional.
570 (h) The covered property is subject to continuous commissioning, provided the
571 property owner attests to compliance with all criteria set forth in the rules
572 promulgated by the office.
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- 574 (5) For properties qualifying for exemptions under subsection 15.08(4), the owner shall
575 file documentation, in such form and with such certifications as required by the office,
576 establishing that the property qualifies for such an exemption.

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578 **Section 15.09. Due dates for summary audit or retro-commissioning reports and**
579 **extensions of time.**
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581 Starting in 2020, the owner of a covered property that receives an ENERGY STAR score
582 under 50, or equivalent EUI, is required to perform an energy audit, or a retro-
583 commissioning, according to section 15.08, and shall file a summary audit or retro-
584 commissioning report for such property no later than May 2025, and then once every five
585 years thereafter.

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587 By February 1 of the applicable year, an owner may apply for an extension of time to file
588 a summary audit or retro-commissioning report if, despite such owner's good faith
589 efforts, to be documented in such application, the owner is unable to complete the
590 required audit or retro-commissioning prior to the scheduled due date for such report.
591 The director may grant one such extension for up to one year. Extensions granted
592 pursuant to this provision shall not extend the scheduled due dates for subsequent
593 summary audit reports.

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595 An owner may receive annual extensions of time to file a summary audit or retro-
596 commissioning report based on financial hardship of the property.

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598 **Section 15.10. Notification by the city of energy auditing requirements.**
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600 (1) Starting in May 2020, following the benchmarking submission requirements, the
601 director shall notify the owner of a covered property that receives an ENERGY STAR
602 score under 50, or equivalent EUI, that he or she must perform an energy audit or a
603 retro-commissioning, and that he or she must file a summary audit or retro-
604 commissioning report for such property no later than May 2025.

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606 (2) The director shall also notify the owner of the requirements of this section no less
607 than one year prior to the calendar year in which the covered property's summary
608 audit or retro-commissioning report is due and again in the calendar year in which
609 such reports are due.

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611 (3) Such notification may occur electronically via a posting to the office's website and
612 failure to provide such notification shall not relieve the property owner of the
613 requirement to comply with the applicable requirements of this ordinance.

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615 **Section 15.11. Annual benchmarking report and analysis**
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617 (1) The director shall make available to the public on the City of Orlando website, and
618 update at least annually, the following information:

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620 (a) No later than December 1, 2018, and each December 1 thereafter, a report
621 on the benchmarking of covered city properties, including an assessment of
622 accuracy and issues affecting accuracy, summary energy consumption
623 statistics, and trends observed, including an assessment of changes across
624 the portfolio over time, and
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626 (b) No later than December 1, 2019, and each December 1 thereafter, a report
627 on the benchmarking of all covered properties, including an assessment of
628 compliance rates, an assessment of accuracy and issues affecting accuracy,
629 summary energy consumption statistics, and trends observed, including an
630 assessment of changes across the portfolio over time.

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632 (2) Beginning in 2025 and then again every year thereafter, the director shall make
633 public on the City of Orlando website a report on the progress of auditing for all
634 covered properties, including but not limited to, compliance rates, trends observed,
635 correlations of benchmarking scores and recommended measures, the impact of
636 audits on EUI's and ENERGY STAR Scores before and after, and recommendations
637 on how the audit implementation could be improved or the uptake of energy
638 conservation measures increased.

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640 (3) Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent the director from including such information in
641 an annual energy efficiency report covering the progress of all the city's energy
642 efficiency ordinances and programs.

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644 **Section 15.12. Maintenance records of benchmarking, auditing, and retro-**
645 **Commissioning.**

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647 (1) Building owners shall maintain records as the director determines is reasonably
648 necessary for carrying out the purposes of this ordinance, including but not limited to the
649 energy bills and reports or forms received from tenants and/or utilities. Such records
650 shall be preserved for a period of at least three years and at all times may be kept in
651 electronic form. At the request of the director, such records shall be made available for
652 inspection and audit by the director.

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654 (2) Property owners shall maintain a copy of the energy audit or retro-commissioning
655 report, and summary audit or retro-commissioning report, on-site for a minimum of
656 five years from the required submission date. At the request of the director, such
657 reports shall be made available for inspection.

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659 **Section 15.13. Violations and enforcement.**

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661 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to fail to comply with the
662 requirements of this ordinance or misrepresent any material fact in a document
663 required to be prepared or disclosed by this ordinance.

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665 (2) Violations of this section are punishable as provided in Article I, Chapter 5, of the
666 Orlando City Code. However, no owner of a covered property found to be in violation
667 of this Part shall be fined more than \$2,000 per year.

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669 **Section 15.14. Appeals.**

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671 This Part shall be implemented by the director. In cases of uncertainty, or where the
672 application of this Part to any particular person requires an interpretation of this Part,
673 the director shall be responsible for such interpretation. Upon written request of an
674 applicant, the director shall render a written determination on any question of

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675 implementation or interpretation. Applicants may appeal written determinations of the
676 director to the city's chief administrative officer. A notice of appeal must be filed with the
677 chief administrative officer within 15 days of the director's determination. The chief
678 administrative officer shall hold a hearing on the appeal within 20 days of the notice of
679 appeal and he or she may consider any probative evidence provided by the applicant or
680 the director. The chief administrative officer should give substantial deference to the
681 determinations of the director and shall render a final decision within 15 days of the
682 hearing. The decision of the chief administrative officer is hereby made the city's final
683 agency action on the applicant's request for a determination.

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685 **Sec. 15.15. Energy and Green Building Subcommittee.**

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687 There is hereby established a subcommittee of the city's Green Works
688 Advisory Committee to be known as the Energy and Green Building Subcommittee. The
689 subcommittee is hereby constituted as and shall undertake its work as a "Community
690 Panel" pursuant to City of Orlando Policy and Procedure 161.4. Members of the
691 subcommittee shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The primary
692 purpose of the subcommittee is to provide advice to the director in the implementation of
693 this Part and to review proposed rules or policies of the director in the implementation of
694 this Part. Before promulgating any rule or policy in the implementation of this Part, the
695 director shall provide the proposed rule or policy to the subcommittee for review and
696 comment for at least 30 days.

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698 **SECTION 2. SUBSEC. 5.03 (1), AMENDED.** Subsection 5.03 (1), Code of the
699 City of Orlando, Florida, is hereby amended as follows:

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701 **Sec. 5.03. - Jurisdiction.**

702
703 (1) The Code Enforcement Board shall have the jurisdiction to hear and decide alleged
704 violations of, and pursuant to [section 5.12](#) citations may be issued for alleged violations
705 of, the following codes and ordinances of the City of Orlando:

- 706
707 (a) Building Security Code—Chapter 9 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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709 (b) Building Code—Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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711 (c) Electrical Code—Chapter 22 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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713 (d) Communications Right-of-Way Utilization Ordinance—Chapter 23 of the Code of the
714 City of Orlando.
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716 (e) Fire Prevention Code—Chapter 24 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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718 (f) Solid Waste Management—Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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720 (g) Gas Code—Chapter 29 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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722 (h) Regulation of Sewer Use and Rates—Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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724 (i) Minimum Standards Code—Chapter [30A](#) of the Code of the City of Orlando.

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726 (j) Stormwater Utility Code—Chapter 31 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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728 (k) Lakes and Boating—Chapter 35 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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730 (l) Licenses—Chapter 36 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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732 (m) Adult Entertainment Code—Chapter 37 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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734 (n) Noise—Chapter 42 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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736 (o) Trees and Shrubs—Sections [43.32](#) through and including [43.34](#) of [Chapter 43](#) of the
737 Code of the City of Orlando.
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739 (p) Plumbing Code—Chapter 47 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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741 (q) Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Heating and Ventilating Code—Chapter [47A](#) of the
742 Code of the City of Orlando.
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744 (r) Streets and Sidewalks—Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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746 (s) Regulation of Taxicabs, Limousines, Luxury Sedans, Shuttles and other Vehicles-for-
747 Hire—Chapter 55 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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749 (t) Land Development Regulations of the City of Orlando, more particularly:
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751 [Chapter 58](#)—Zoning Districts and Uses
752 [Chapter 59](#)—Concurrency Management
753 [Chapter 60](#)—Subdivision and Landscaping
754 [Chapter 61](#)—Roadway Design and Access Management
755 [Chapter 62](#)—Historic Preservation and Architectural Design
756 [Chapter 63](#)—Environmental Protection
757 [Chapter 64](#)—Signs
758 [Chapter 66](#)—Definitions
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760 (u) Gasoline Station Sign Requirements—Section [43.89](#) of the Code of the City of
761 Orlando.
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763 (v) Alcoholic Beverages—Chapter 33 of the Code of the City of Orlando.
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765 (w) Sustainability – Chapter 15, Code of the City of Orlando.
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768 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance or its
769 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect
770 other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the
771 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are
772 severable.
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SECTION 4. CODIFICATION. The City Clerk and the City Attorney shall cause the Code of the City of Orlando, Florida to be amended as provided by this ordinance and may renumber, reletter, and rearrange the codified parts of this ordinance, if necessary, to facilitate these changes.

SECTION 5. SCRIVENER'S ERROR. The City Attorney may correct scrivener's errors found in this ordinance by filing a corrected copy of this ordinance with the City Clerk.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance takes effect immediately upon final passage.

DONE, THE FIRST READING, by the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida, at a regular meeting, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

DONE, THE PUBLIC NOTICE, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Orlando, Florida, by the City Clerk of the City of Orlando, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

DONE, THE SECOND READING, AND ENACTED ON FINAL PASSAGE, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida, at a regular meeting, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

BY THE MAYOR/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OF
THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

Mayor / Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

Amy Iennaco, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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