

137.3 SUBJECT: GREEN BUILDINGS – LEED SILVER CERTIFICATION

:1 OBJECTIVE:

To advance the environmental sustainability of Orlando by building high performance buildings, resulting in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, water waste, landfill materials, and vehicles on the road, while improving indoor environmental quality and employee health.

:2 AUTHORITY:

This policy was adopted by City Council on November 9, 2020.

:3 DIRECTION:

The Director of Sustainability, as an appointed official, serves at the pleasure of the Mayor and is supervised by and receives direction from the Chief Administrative Officer.

:4 METHOD OF OPERATION:

A. Definitions.

1. “LEED” or, “Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design,” is a green building certification system overseen by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).
2. “LEED Silver” is a level of certification which entails specified prerequisite points and flexible points within designated building performance categories, as determined by the USGBC.

B. Policy.

1. All new City buildings will be designed, built, and certified to LEED Silver or above.
2. The Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Venues Officer, or their designee, have the authority to waive this requirement.

C. General Guidelines.

1. Applicable contracts shall include a provision for LEED Silver requirements.
2. This policy applies to new contracts for building construction solicited or entered into after the policy’s effective date.

D. Exemptions.

Existing buildings undergoing renovation are not required to achieve LEED Silver certification.

:5 FORMS:

1. N/A

:6 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

None.

:7 REFERENCE:

Chapter 15, Orlando City Code; Green Works Orlando Community Action Plan; Green Works Municipal Operations Sustainability Plan.

:8 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This policy is effective beginning November 9, 2020.