

TOWN OF BERTHOUD
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 19-1260, UPDATING COLORADO'S ENERGY CODES

Whereas, Berthoud did not update its Energy Code from 2006 until 2017 despite other regular updates to the building code, electrical code, and plumbing code; and,

Whereas, updated energy codes save homeowners thousands of dollars of utility bills over the life of the home; and,

Whereas, homes that are poorly built have larger air leakage rates and faulty insulation that is impossible to correct without removing the interior and exterior finishes at a very large cost to any future homeowner; and,

Whereas, homes that are built to outdated energy codes waste energy and resources for the entire life of the home and contribute unnecessarily to climate change and increased needs for energy production and water storage and delivery; and,

Whereas, homes built to recent energy codes have healthier indoor air quality and fewer serious moisture problems minimizing adverse health problems for future residents of the home; and,

Whereas, insurance ratings for homes built under outdated energy codes are higher and result in higher home insurance rates for owners of those homes for the life of the home; and,

Whereas, homes built to recent energy codes are inspected by an independent 3rd party inspector to ensure they meet energy code requirements; and,

Whereas, HB-1260 will require all CO towns and cities to update their energy codes at the same time other building codes are updated and will allow towns and cities a choice of which recent energy code to adopt and those codes can be adopted with local amendments; and,

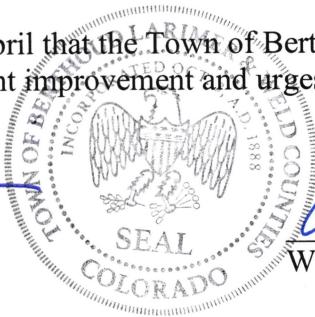
Whereas, free training and adoption assistance is available from the Colorado Energy Office, Xcel Energy, and some municipal utilities to help jurisdictions update their energy code; and

Whereas, HB-1260 will help CO meet its goals for clean energy and energy efficiency while saving homeowners and renters money, creating jobs, supporting local economic development, and improving our energy security; and,

Whereas, after careful study in 2018, Berthoud finally updated from the 2006 energy code and adopted the 2015 energy code, with several amendments, finding it was more workable than the 2012 energy code;

Therefore, be it resolved on this 9th day of April that the Town of Berthoud supports HB 19-1260 and urges the legislature to pass this important improvement and urges Governor Polis to sign into law.

Christian R. Samora, Town Clerk



William Karspeck, Mayor