

RESOLUTION NO. R2023.178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF TEMPE GREEN BUILDING POLICY.

WHEREAS, the City of Tempe is committed to high-quality construction, greenhouse gas reduction, and resilience to extreme heat;

WHEREAS, through adoption of the Climate Action Plan in November 2019 and the Climate Action Plan Update in April 2022, the City Council recommended the use of the International Green Construction Code in City operations and as an option in private development;

WHEREAS, the City’s Engineering and Transportation Department currently designs City buildings using the International Green Construction Code to guide design; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution and its actions are for the benefit of persons living, working, or visiting in the City of Tempe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, HEREBY:

Section 1. That the Tempe City Council hereby adopts the “City of Tempe Green Building Policy.” This policy reflects the City’s commitment to encouraging environmentally sensitive construction practices in the City of Tempe by adopting design and construction practices of the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) as modified by the City of Tempe in Ordinance No. O2023.54 as amended.

Section 2. That the Tempe City Council hereby declares that whenever project resources and conditions permit, all new, occupied (as defined by the City’s building code) City of Tempe buildings, of any size, will be designed, contracted, and built to comply with the IgCC as modified by the City of Tempe in Ordinance No. O2023.54 as amended.

Section 3. That the Tempe City Council, to maintain cost control of City building projects, qualifies Section 2 of this Green Building Policy to require a return on investment period of no more than seven (7) years for project elements or technologies in the IGCC. Where the return on investment for elements or technologies of the project is anticipated to be more than seven (7) years, City staff is directed to engage a green rating system such as LEED, Envision or Green Globes for alternatives to that element or technology.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, this 30th day of November, 2023.

Corey D. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kara A. DeArrastia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sonia M. Blain, City Attorney