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Councilmember Barnes (Chair) and Councilmember Bough (Co-chair)  
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Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee

On behalf of the **Sierra Club Missouri Chapter** and the local Sierra Club Thomas Hart Benton Group, I submit this comment in **support of adopting the 2021 IECC with no weakening amendments, in line with KC's climate goals.**

By adopting the most updated version of the IECC with no weakening amendments and the Zero Code, this will ensure that residents or occupants of newly constructed homes or commercial buildings can lead healthy lives in structures they can afford while preserving our community's well-being for years to come. The Zero Code is a voluntary appendix to the 2021 IECC, providing clarity on how to design and evaluate net-zero energy for construction projects seeking improved performance.

**The 2021 IECC will make homes more than 35% more energy efficient than under the current building code.** This change will drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions by lowering the amount of electricity used to power homes and buildings, which accounts for up to 40% of greenhouse gas emissions in our community.

The KCMO City Council has steadily paid attention to the concern of climate change over many years, and recently this issue has received considerable attention. **The priorities of the Council**, as evidenced by the 2008 Climate Action Plan and even more by its recent adoption of Resolutions 200005 and 210967, **indicate that efforts to address climate change should constitute a driving force for all important strategic initiatives of the City, such as the adoption of the 2021 IECC.** Resolution 200005 has initiated the process for developing a new Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan to succeed the 2008 Climate Action Plan. Additionally, through Resolution 210967 the Council declared a climate and ecological emergency.

**Kansas City must take this opportunity to become a leader in energy efficiency**, building healthy, resilient communities, and addressing the climate crisis by adopting the 2021 IECC, without weakening amendments, and a Zero-Code Appendix.

Sincerely,

Don Wallace  
Member, Legislative Committee

Thomas Hart Benton Group, Missouri Chapter of Sierra Club