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Subject: Public Comment on Ord. 220364: Adopt the 2021 IECC + Decarbonization Overlay Language
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Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Bough, and Members of the NP&D Committee:

I am writing as a concerned resident of the Kansas City metro area who cares deeply about the future of my community and understands the need for our local leaders to do everything possible to address the climate crisis. In my effort to follow the city's work to further equitable climate action in the city, I understand the urgent need for cities to adopt strong building energy codes as a strategy we MUST take in order to reduce the carbon footprint of buildings while making sure they are built to lower utility bills and keep residents healthy.

With this in mind, and to help protect my family, friends, and neighbors, I call on the Kansas City, MO City Council to adopt the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code with no weakening amendments by passing Ordinance 220364, amended to include support for electric and renewable appliances (a Decarbonization Overlay). This will save people and businesses money, reduce indoor air pollution, and drastically reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Taking this action right now will help ensure that our children and future generations can thrive in a community that has clean air and healthy homes. **Just last month, the KCMO City Council voted 11-1 to adopt a Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan that included an express commitment to enacting the 2021 IECC with no weakening amendments.**

Our metro area is committed to protecting people's health and well-being and leading in climate action. In just the last few years cities across the region have committed to support climate action plans to guide cities in taking steps to dismantle environmental injustice and build thriving communities. **As the largest city in our area, Kansas City, Missouri MUST help lead the way for other jurisdictions to follow in adopting strong building codes.** The community is behind you and is counting on you. **Please adopt the 2021 IECC + Decarbonization Overlay** in line with our climate protection goals.

Thank you for your time.

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