

**ORDINANCE
(AS AMENDED)
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

**CITY HALL: May 19, 2022
CALENDAR NO. 33,744**

NO. 29082 MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, HARRIS AND MORRELL

AN ORDINANCE requiring all public office buildings constructed or rehabilitated by the City of New Orleans to at least meet the United States Green Buildings Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the global climate crisis caused broadly by the burning of fossil fuels continues to threaten the future of New Orleans and her people; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Orleans believes that policymakers must act urgently to address the climate crisis, especially because the known effects of the crisis fall disproportionately on communities of color and those historically underserved by government; and

WHEREAS, according to the International panel on Climate Change (IPCC), buildings contribute approximately a third of U.S. emissions and up to 40% of global emissions and without action to drastic cut emissions caused by inefficient buildings, many critical climate action goals cannot be met; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans should work to address climate change through a whole-of-government approach, using every municipal tool available to work for environmental justice and sustainability for our communities;

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans may set standards for buildings that house governmental functions and offices; **NOW THEREFORE**

1 **SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**
2 **ORDAINS**, That Sec. 26-23 of the Code of the City of New Orleans is hereby reordained to
3 **read as follows:**

4 "ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL

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6 **Section 26-23 Sustainable Public Buildings**

- 7 A.) All government office, administration or headquarters buildings built or
8 substantially rehabilitated by the City of New Orleans, or its affiliated agencies,
9 boards, or commissions, shall be designed and constructed to be certified to
10 receive United States Green Buildings Council Leadership in Energy and
11 Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification or higher.
- 12 B.) This requirement shall apply to any City buildings whose procurement process
13 commences after this ordinance goes into effect.
- 14 C.) The Chief Administrative Officer shall file a report with the City Council by the
15 end of each fiscal year identifying any eligible buildings planned for construction
16 in the coming fiscal year and the expected level of LEED certification sought.
- 17 D.) Any building meeting LEED requirements must also meet the following
18 performance criteria one year after achieving substantial completion:
- 19 a. Participate in enhanced and monitoring-based commissioning as
20 defined by LEED building system or any approved alternative.
 - 21 b. Building(s) shall be operated to exceed energy efficiency standards as
22 set in American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-
23 Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1-2019 by 30%,
24 consistent with Federal guidelines.
 - 25 c. Fresh air design must satisfy ASHRAE standard 62.1.

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27 **Section 26-24 Building Benchmarking**

28 The City shall benchmark City-owned facilities at least annually to regularly monitor
29 performance against historical data and peer buildings to identify operating inefficiencies and
30 conservation opportunities. Benchmarking data shall be published annually on a city website

31 and submitted to the Council at the end of each fiscal year. Benchmarks shall include but are not
32 limited to:

- 33 a. Energy Use
- 34 b. Indoor Air Quality

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ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS JULY 7, 2022

**HELENA MORENO
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON JULY 7, 2022

APPROVED:

~~DISAPPROVED:~~ JULY 12, 2022

**LATOYA CANTRELL
MAYOR**

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON JULY 13, 2022 AT 2:45 P.M.

**LORA W. JOHNSON
CLERK OF COUNCIL**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Harris - 1

RECUSED: 0

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TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
Lora W. Johnson
CLERK OF COUNCIL