



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen

## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 6 of the New Bedford Code of Ordinances by the Addition of Article IX adopting the Stretch Code, 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, to the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Massachusetts Building Code, including any future editions of, amendments to or modifications of said appendix

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**Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of New Bedford as follows:—**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 6 hereby is amended by inserting after Article XIII the following new Article IX entitled: Stretch Code, 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA.

### ARTICLE IX. - STRETCH CODE, 780 CMR APPENDIX 115.AA,

#### Sec. 152. – Purpose.

The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

The City of New Bedford's certification under the Massachusetts Green Community Act requires that the City adopt the Stretch Code which allows the city access to state grants for energy improvements and encourages the building of energy efficient homes and businesses and constitutes the final step required for the city to qualify for Green Community Status from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### Sec. 153. – Definitions

- a. International Energy Conservation Code (IECC): The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

- b. Stretch Energy Code: The Stretch Energy Code is a Massachusetts building code based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code. The Stretch Energy Code was codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as an appendix, 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, to the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition Massachusetts Building Code. For the purposes of this definition, the Stretch Energy Code shall include any future editions of, amendments to, or modifications of said appendix.

#### Section 154. – Applicability

The Stretch Energy Code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51, as applicable.

#### Section 155. – Stretch Energy Code

The Stretch Energy Code hereby is incorporated, by reference, into the City of New Bedford Code of Ordinances.

#### Section 156. – Enforcement

The Stretch Energy Code shall be enforceable by the inspector of buildings.

#### Section 157. - Enactment

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws.