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RESIDENTIAL ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATING AND DISCLOSURE

Interim Administrative Rule Adopted by Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Pursuant to Rule-Making Authority

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The text of the entire manual (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/article/643393>) is available in PDF format (521 kb). What follows are the Table of Contents, and Scope, Purpose and Background sections of the manual.

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PART 1.0, SCOPE, PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

These administrative rules clarify the requirements for Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure within Portland City Code (PCC) Chapter 17.108, also known as the City of Portland Home Energy Score program. PCC Chapter 17.108 seeks to make energy performance in residential buildings transparent, to enable more knowledgeable decisions about the full costs of operating a home, to motivate energy efficiency investments in homes that lower utility bills, to reduce carbon emissions, and increase comfort, safety and health for home owners.

Portland's Climate Action Plan seeks to reduce carbon emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Buildings are the largest source of carbon emissions in Portland. One key Climate Action Plan objective is to reduce the total energy use of existing buildings and to achieve zero net carbon emissions in all new buildings.

Local government plays a critical role in making it easier for people to save energy, protect against rising energy prices and reduce carbon pollution. The City of Portland Home Energy Score program seeks to accelerate market adoption of energy efficiency by requiring the disclosure of a home energy performance report, including a U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) Home Energy Score, before listing a home for sale in the city of Portland.

Home energy performance reports provide information for potential buyers of residential properties. The information contained in the home energy performance report addresses energy use and energy costs related to ownership of a home. This information in some cases can be substantial and is not otherwise readily evident or available to a potential purchaser, except if assembled and made available as provided by the Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure requirement. Having access to information on energy use and operating costs is material information to have available for potential home purchasers in terms of comparability and affordability.

Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure - Full Text of Manual (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/article/643393>) (PDF Document, 521 kb)

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