



Borough of Oakland  
Bergen County, New Jersey

**Resolution 20-110**  
Re-adopt Green building Policy

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WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council); and

WHEREAS, green building – also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building – is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health and other components of green building and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the Borough of Oakland's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, continued procurement practices...etc. (e.g. improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, increase construction waste recycling); and

WHEREAS, the Borough additionally wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary actions (e.g. including a green building scorecard as a discussion item within the Site Plan approval process), actions that may be required in the future although not at the time of the adoption of this resolution (e.g. amending the Site Plan approval

checklist to directly incorporate those green building standards available to a municipality), and educational actions (e.g. making available information on green building programs, guidelines, rebates, etc. to residents of the Borough of Oakland).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby implements a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities and will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to maintain a copy of this Resolution in office of the Borough Clerk, for public inspection, pursuant to law.

  
LINDA H. SCHWAGER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
LISA M. DUNCAN, BOROUGH CLERK

March 11, 2020  
Date Adopted

	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Biale	✓		✓			
Knapp		✓	✓			
Levy			✓			
Pignatelli			✓			
Talamini				✓		✓
Van Eck				✓		
Mayor Schwager						