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Article 6. Lighting and Thermal Efficiency Standards

§9-601 LIGHTING AND THERMAL EFFICIENCY STANDARDS; NEED.

1. This article shall be known as the Minimum Lighting and Thermal Efficiency Standards for Buildings.
2. The City of David City, Nebraska finds that there is a present and continuing need to provide for the development and implementation of minimum lighting and thermal efficiency standards for buildings to insure coordination with federal policy under the Energy Conservation Standards for New Buildings Act of 1976, to promote the conservation of our dwindling energy resources, and to provide for the public health, safety, and welfare.

§9-602 TERMS; DEFINED. As used in this Article, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply:

PRIME CONTRACTOR shall mean the person, persons, entity or entities who has a contract with the owner and is the one responsible for the overall construction of any building or the installation of any component which affects the energy efficiency of the building. Prime Contractor shall also mean a property owner who performs the work of a Prime Contractor.

ARCHITECT or ENGINEER shall mean any person registered pursuant to section 81-847, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943.

BUILDING shall mean any structure which utilizes or will utilize a heating system, cooling system, or domestic hot water system, including new buildings, renovated buildings, and additions, but not including any structure which has a consumption of traditional energy sources for all purposes not exceeding the energy equivalent of one (1) watt per square foot.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING shall mean a building three (3) stories or less that is used primarily as one (1) or more dwelling units.

RENOVATION shall mean alterations on an existing building which will cost more than fifty (50%) percent of the replacement cost of such building at the time work is commenced or which was not previously heated or cooled, for which a heating or cooling system is now proposed, except that the restoration of historical buildings shall not be included.

ADDITION shall mean any construction added to an existing building which will increase the floor area of that building by five (5%) percent or more.

FLOOR AREA shall mean the total area of a building, expressed in square feet, which is within the exterior face of the shell of the structure which is heated or cooled.

STANDARD shall mean The Model Energy Code, 1983 Edition, of the Council of American Building Officials.

TRADITIONAL ENERGY SOURCES shall mean electricity, petroleum based fuels, uranium, coal, and all nonrenewable forms of energy.

§9-603 STANDARD; APPLICABILITY. The Standard shall apply to all new buildings, or renovations of or additions to any existing buildings, on which construction is initiated on or after the effective date of this Section. *(Amended by Ord. No. 602, 9/14/83)*

§9-604 EXEMPTIONS. The following shall be exempt from this act:

1. Any building which has a peak design rate of energy usage for all purposes of less than one (1) watt, or three and four-tenths (3.4) British Thermal Units per hour, per square foot of floor area.
2. Any building which is neither heated nor cooled.
3. Any building or portion thereof which is owned by the United States of America.
4. Any mobile home as defined by section 71-4603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943.
5. Any manufactured housing unit as defined by subsection (1) of section 71-1557, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943.
6. Any building (i) listed on the National Register of Historic Places, (ii) determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the State Historic Preservation Officer, or (iii) designated as an individual landmark or heritage preservation site by a Municipality or located within a designated landmark or heritage preservation district.
7. Any building to be renovated that is located within an area that has been designated blighted by a Municipality.
8. All residential buildings shall be exempt from lighting efficiency standards.

§9-605 FEES. The fees, charges, and expenses for Zoning Permits and Certificates of Zoning Compliance shall be as established by the City Council; such fees, charges, and expenses to be set by Resolution.

The schedule of fees shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk and may be altered or amended only by the City Council. Until all applicable fees, charges, and expenses have been paid in full, no action shall be taken on any application or appeal.

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§9-607 VIOLATION; PENALTY; ENFORCEMENT. Any person violating any provision of this Article shall be subject to a maximum fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. In addition, the City of David City may by an action in the District Court enforce the provisions of this Article through equity and injunctive processes.

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§9-704 **ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE.** The imposition of the penalties prescribed in the Property Maintenance Code shall not preclude the city from instituting appropriate actions to abate such conflict with or violation of the provisions of the Property Maintenance Code as prescribed in §4-402.

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§9-801 **VIOLATION; PENALTY.** Any person who shall violate or refuse to comply with the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Chapter, set forth at full length herein or incorporated by reference shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each offense. A new violation shall be deemed to have been committed every twenty-four (24) hours of such failure to comply. (Ordinance #1119, 1/13/10)

ORDINANCE NO. 1119

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY OF DAVID CITY, NEBRASKA, MUNICIPAL CODE BOOK TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVID CITY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9 of the David City Municipal Code Book shall be amended to read:

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