



# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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## Action Minutes

### Energy Commission

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Tuesday, February 19, 2019

6:00 PM

301 E Huron St, Basement, conference  
room

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#### Special Meeting of the Energy Commission: Energy Audit at Time of Marketing Ordinance

#### PREVIOUS MEETING RECAP

Present(3) - Wayne Appleyard, John Mirsky, Alecia Cassidy

Staff MacDonald informed the committee of actions taken at the previous meeting:

1. Determined linear process for working as a group
2. Reviewed information and materials from other communities and distilled actions into four steps

After the last meeting, the committee reviewed Portland, OR's Time of Marketing Ordinance and adapted to the City of Ann Arbor.

#### THINGS FOR CONSIDERATION

The committee discussed disclosing ratings through MLS and other repositories like Zillow, as well as requiring providing the information at house showings and listings, and possible associated challenges.

The committee discussed where the ordinance should be included, such as in the Housing Code or Zoning Code, and decided to consult the Planning Commission and Housing Commission for guidance. The committee also decided to review the Portland, OR ordinance to determine its overlap with the Portland, OR Housing Code.

The committee discussed methods for enforcing the energy audit, including the date and amount of fines. The committee discussed various avenues for enforcing the ordinance, and their possible efficiencies and challenges. The committee discussed incorporating a third-party to assist with disclosing ratings, similar to Portland, OR and Minneapolis, MN, as a resource for enforcement.

The committee discussed applying the ordinance to other buildings aside from single family homes, including condos and single family homes that have been converted to apartment units, for which the DOE Home Energy Score (HES) would still be valid.

The committee discussed equity challenges and methods to involve low-income sellers and buyers without over-burdening them.

## **Portland Feedback**

The committee discussed included definitions in a stand-alone section, rather than repeating throughout the document. The committee reviewed comments regarding the Portland, OR ordinance, which identified relevant parties, organizations, and references for the City of Ann Arbor.

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

1. Determine fit of ordinance with Housing and/or Planning Commission and possible Codes
2. Review Austin, TX, and Minneapolis, MN ordinances
3. Collect questions to interview Cities of Portland, OR, Austin, TX, and Minneapolis, MN, regarding their ordinance at the next committee meeting
4. Collect questions to interview potential contact with Austin, TX Board of Realtors

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