

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO
RELATING TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE**

WHEREAS, HB 07-1146 was enacted in the 2007 Colorado legislative session and HB 07-1146 provides that "...every board of county commissioners of a county that has enacted a building code, ...shall adopt and enforce a building energy code that meets or exceeds the standards in the 2003 version of the international energy conservation code..."; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County ("Board") has been advised by the Ouray County Planner that there is a significant lack of qualified contractors on the Western Slope of Colorado who will be able to comply with the requirements of the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code ("IECC"), if adopted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised by the Ouray County Planner that there has been a shortage of training offered by the Office of Energy Management and Conservation in order to ensure that contractors are qualified and able to comply with the provisions of the IECC, if adopted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of HB 07-1146 provides that the definition of "energy code" may include "any other code determined by the office of energy management and conservation to be more appropriate for local conditions"; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2000, Ouray County adopted Resolution No. 2000-062 which included adoption of the 1995 Model Energy Code and the Ouray County Prescriptive Energy Code and such energy codes are presently in effect; and

WHEREAS, Ouray County is sensitive to the need for energy conservation measures and has been actively engaged in looking for ways to encourage energy conservation and reduce excessive energy consumption by analyzing possible Land Use Code changes as well as offering incentives to persons utilizing renewable energy fixtures in construction; and

WHEREAS, the Board has concerns about the feasibility of adopting the IECC at this time because of the limitations and difficulties that adoption of the IECC may present for compliance for property owners in Ouray County seeking to build residential or commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the energy codes that are currently in effect in Ouray County are comparable to the requirements of the IECC and are currently more appropriate for local conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board will continue to review and analyze the applicability of the IECC, particularly the 2009 edition of the IECC when it becomes available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the current energy codes that have been adopted by Ouray County are more appropriate for local conditions as set forth in C.R.S. §30-28-211(2)(b) and the Board requests that the Office of Energy Management and Conservation make such a finding.

2. That the Board will direct the Ouray County Planner to report to the Board on or before June 1, 2009 on the feasibility of adopting the 2009 IECC as well as any issues that may result for property owners in Ouray County by the adoption of the 2009 IECC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF JUNE, 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

Attest:

K. Keith Meinert, Chair

Don Batchelder, Vice Chair

Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Heidi M. Albritton, Commissioner Member