



## BILL No. 080025 FACT SHEET

On December 10, 2009 City Council passed Bill No. 080025, introduced by Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, which calls for new construction and major renovation of large City government buildings to be designed, constructed, and certified at the silver level of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system of the U.S. Green Building Council.

### OVERVIEW

Bill No. 080025 is intended to be an effective tool for fostering integrated design and high-performance construction in major City building projects. The Bill elevates and clarifies a previous City commitment contained in Mayor's Executive Order 1-07. The LEED-silver requirement applies to construction projects over 10,000 square feet that are primarily funded by City capital dollars and are controlled by the City. To emphasize energy efficiency, the ordinance requires that projects be designed and constructed to use at least 20% less energy than basic, code-compliant structures. The ordinance applies to capital projects undertaken by all departments and agencies across the City, including the Airport, Water Department, and Public Property.

Projects that do not fit the criteria laid out in this legislation can choose to meet or exceed this standard. All City construction projects will be encouraged to consider energy efficiency during design initiation.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The Nutter Administration, through the Mayor's Office of Sustainability, has worked on this legislation in collaboration with Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown as part of an ongoing effort to demonstrate City leadership in the area of green building. The strong focus that this legislation places on energy efficiency will lower the lifecycle costs of the affected buildings, demonstrating a commitment not only to sustainability but also to fiscal responsibility. We hope that our commitment will encourage similar development by residents and businesses.

Complementing Bill No. 080025 are other City energy efficiency initiatives – either underway or upcoming - including:

- Securing Recovery funding to support the development of a robust energy management program;
- Creating target energy budgets for City departments, with a 5% reduction goal for FY10;
- Developing an energy conservation education campaign for employees;
- Building a sophisticated energy management database that can be used by our energy office and department managers alike to track energy use and progress towards target energy budget goals.

Together, these and other measures will help to implement the Target 1 goal of *Greenworks Philadelphia* to reduce City government energy consumption by 30% by the Year 2015.

Bill No. 080025 can be found online at: [www.phila.gov/citycouncil](http://www.phila.gov/citycouncil)

### QUESTIONS?

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