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Good morning, Daliah

Please attached this statement to the ordinance. Thanks

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**From:** Dominique Davison <dominique@drawarch.com>  
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**To:** Clerk <Clerk@KCMO.org>  
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To the Mayor, City Manager, and City Counsel of Kansas City, Missouri-

I am an architect with 25 years of experience designing and building homes – 20 years of that in the Kansas City area.

The downturn in permits currently has much more to do with the rates of interest rising drastically currently, not the energy code. While some changes to the complexity of the process and inspections cost add some challenges, it is very feasible to still afford to build homes in some areas of our city. The bigger issue is the market gap within neighborhoods where the price per square foot is lower for sale than it would be to build. Many neighborhoods fall into this category.

There is a clear need for subsidization of affordable housing for new construction. The financial gap between building a new home has only widened with the increase in cost from Covid era price hikes by vendors and contractors. The increase in cost due to the energy code is nominal in comparison. We are in the process of pricing out and building homes throughout the 3rd district and the increase in cost is roughly \$1,200-1,500 per home to achieve the energy code. However, builders have increased their pricing by 30% over the last several years. Clearly the issue is not on the energy code side of the equation.

Thank you,  
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