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City of Kansas City, Missouri

2021 IECC Code Implementation

414 East 12th Street

Kansas City, MO 64106

To whom it may concern:

The implementation of the 2021 IECC building codes has been delayed for far too long. The Kansas City market has lagged significantly compared to many smaller markets in terms of adapting new, energy efficient codes.

Part of building affordable homes needs to be building homes that are affordable to power, which can only be done by building more energy efficient homes. In a study performed by BASF from May to August 2020, it was noted that using spray foam in a standard 2562 sq ft home yielded “\$680 saved over four months” which is “an average of \$170 monthly savings,” which the study then points out “could afford homeowners nearly \$30,000 in additional mortgage to finance (with a 5% 30-year fixed loan),” (BASF, 2023).

The study was performed in the Phoenix area, which does admittedly fall into a different climate zone, and this letter is not a push for spray foam in every house. This letter is a call for all trades in the Kansas City area to work together with energy auditors and city inspectors, as well as builders to find cost-effective ways to build efficient homes.

We are committed as an insulation company, a subcontractor to many large builders in the Kansas City Metro, to work with the other trades involved, builders, and energy auditors to provide fair, competitively priced solutions to the energy code debate.

Sincerely,

A local insulation company