

# Town of Franklin

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## MEMORANDUM

September 6, 2017

To: Town Council, Jeff Nutting

From: Jamie Hellen

**Re: Green Communities Designation**

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We are requesting the Town Council approve two resolutions that will allow the Town to apply to be designated as a Green Community. Combined with previous actions of the Town, these two resolutions achieve all five criteria outlined by the state to become a certified Green Community:

1. Approve as of right siting of renewable energy facilities (already completed);
2. Expedited permitting (already completed);
3. Develop a 20% energy reduction plan (plan attached below);
4. Develop a fuel-efficient vehicle policy (policy attached below); and
5. Adopt the stretch code into bylaw (resolution attached below).

Establishing Franklin as a certified Green Community will:

- Highlight the town's great work in becoming a leader in utilizing energy efficient technology to reduce operating and capital budget costs, while doing our part to protect our environment;
- Provide a "designation award" of approximately \$200,000 after initial state approval of our application. Given the Town's commitment to renewable energy projects in its facilities, we've been leaving this state money on the table and should take advantage of these resources; and
- Allow the town to continue to apply for annual grant funding only allowed to communities designated as a Green Community. Annual grant awards are up to \$250,000 annually for local projects. Franklin will look to apply for assistance for facilities projects, fuel efficient vehicle purchases and other qualifying projects as they arise.

The application deadline is in October and expect a decision on our application in late winter/early spring 2018. The Town plans to use the initial designation grant funds to assist in paying for the LED Streetlight retrofit.

As always, Jeff and I are available to answer any questions.



Sponsor: Administration

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN  
BYLAW AMENDMENT 17-796  
CHAPTER 63, BUILDINGS, NUMBERING OF**

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AT CHAPTER 63.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL** that Chapter 63 of the Code of the Town of Franklin is amended by changing the chapter caption from "Buildings, Numbering of" to "Buildings" and by further revising to the chapter, as follows:

**CHAPTER 63 BUILDINGS**

**§63-1. Building Numbering**

§63-1-1. Affixing of numbers required.

All persons shall affix to buildings owned by them and located on or near the line of public or private ways the street numbers designated for such buildings by the Town Administrator, and no person shall affix or allow to remain on any building owned by him a street number other than the one designated by the Town Administrator.

§ 63-1-2. Visibility of numbers.

All numbers shall be affixed so that they will be plainly visible from the roadway, and any building which is not plainly visible from a roadway shall have at the entrance of its driveway, visible from said roadway, the designated street number.

§ 63-1-3. Assignment of numbers; waiver of requirements.

The assignment of designated numbers shall be made consecutively in ascending order, beginning at the principal street from which the street to be numbered runs. The odd numbers shall be on the right-hand side of said street in the direction of the ascending numbers. The Town Administrator may waive the requirements of this section for any roadway which is already numbered where renumbering in accordance with this section would cause substantial hardship.

§ 63-1-4. Violations and penalties.

[Amended 4-18-2012 by Bylaw Amendment 12-675]

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be liable for a fine of \$50 for each offense; each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

§ 63-1-5. Enforcement.

[Added 4-18-2012 by Bylaw Amendment 12-675]

The Franklin Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Director of Public Works and their respective designees and the Building Commissioner shall each have authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

§63-2. Local Adoption of Stretch Energy Code

§63-2-1. The Stretch Energy Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as an appendix to the State Building Code as 780 CMR Appendix 115AA, including any amendments or modifications thereto, has been accepted by the Franklin Town Council by its vote on Bylaw Amendment 17-796 and is incorporated herein by reference.

§63-2-2. The Stretch Energy Code is enforceable by the Building Commissioner or his designee.

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This bylaw amendment shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Franklin Home Rule Charter.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

VOTED:

UNANIMOUS \_\_\_\_\_

A True Record Attest:

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa M. Burr  
Town Clerk

ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

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Judith Pond Pfeffer, Clerk  
Franklin Town Council