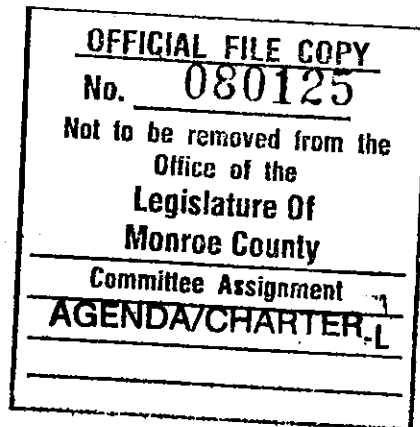




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To the Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
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## **Re: Enforcing Monroe County's Green Building Policy**

Honorable Legislators:

At the August 14, 2007 meeting of the Full Legislature, this Honorable Body passed a referral calling for the adoption of a Green Building Policy for new Monroe County construction and major renovation projects. I enthusiastically support this new initiative but found it lacking obligation.

For this reason I propose the following local law be adopted to guarantee that all new County construction and major renovation projects of more than 5,000 square feet will be required to meet at minimum the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) for New Construction Rating System, Version 2.2, silver standard.

This proposed local law will have no impact on the revenues and/or expenditures of the 2008 Monroe County Budget. Any future costs and savings resulting from the implementation of this resolution shall be incorporated into future budgets.

### **The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Schedule and hold a public hearing on the proposed local law.
2. Enact a local law amending the Monroe County Charter, as attached.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.



Respectfully Submitted,



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By Legislators \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Intro. No. \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2008

**A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "AMENDING MONROE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND CHARTER RELATING TO ENFORCING MONROE COUNTY'S GREEN BUILDING POLICY"**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE**

This resolution shall be called the Green Buildings Act.

**SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE**

**(A) FINDINGS**

The Monroe County Legislature finds that:

- 1. Energy costs for public buildings are skyrocketing and will likely continue to increase.
- 2. Public buildings can be built and renovated using high-performance methods that save energy costs, preserve the environment, and make workers and students more productive.

**(B) PURPOSE** This law is enacted to more efficiently spend public funds and protect the health and welfare of Monroe County residents.

**SECTION 3. GREEN BUILDINGS**

**(A) DEFINITIONS** In this section:

- 1. Major facility project shall be defined as: (a) A building construction project larger than 5,000 gross square feet of occupied or conditioned space; or (b) A building renovation project when the cost is greater than 50 percent of the assessed value and the project is larger than 5,000 gross square feet of occupied or conditioned space.
- 2. LEED silver standard shall be defined as: the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for New Construction (LEED-NC) Rating System, Version 2.2, achieving from 33 to 38 of a possible total of 69 points.

**(B) GREEN BUILDING RATING SYSTEM.**

The County of Monroe hereby adopts, in principle, the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for New Construction (LEED-NC) Rating System, Version 2.2, and, further, automatically adopts any future versions promulgated by the USGBC. For the first six months after adopting an amended version, applicants may apply under the preexisting version.

- 1. The LEED-NC system establishes several levels of environmental achievement from a "Certified" rating to a "Platinum" rating. The ratings are attained by earning LEED points in the categories of Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, Indoor Environmental Quality and Innovation & Design Process.

**(C) GREEN BUILDINGS STANDARDS**

- 1. All new Monroe County construction and major renovations of more than 5,000 square feet in size shall be designed, constructed and certified to at minimum the LEED silver standard. This provision applies to major facility projects that have entered the design phase prior to January 1, 2009 and thereafter.

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ADOPTION: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ VETOED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW: \_\_\_\_\_

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