

# Model Ordinance Adopting High Efficiency Plumbing Code

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
REQUIRING THE USE OF THE 2015 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE DEVELOPED BY  
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL OFFICIALS;  
AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Council to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the plumbing industry and standards plays an important role in safeguarding the public health of the people of the United States and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, safe and efficient plumbing helps save money and reduces future water supply costs and infrastructure costs; and

**WHEREAS**, updating and adopting up-to-date, high efficiency plumbing codes can help us to save billions of gallons of water in the country every year; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of modern plumbing systems must be accomplished in a specific, safe manner by trained professionals in order to prevent widespread disease, which can be crippling and deadly to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement provides a comprehensive set of technically sound provisions that encourage sustainable practices and water conservation and enhance the design and construction of plumbing and mechanical systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement is developed through a consensus process which is comprised of a diverse group of experts in green plumbing and mechanical fields, including water and energy conservation authorities, plumbers, manufacturers, contractors, engineers and code authorities:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_,  
IN THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_:**

## **Adoption of the 2015 Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement**

*The City Council shall adopt and publish standards relative to the design, construction, installation, improvement, extension, and alteration of materials, piping, venting, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in relation to plumbing and plumbing systems. All plumbing and plumbing systems shall be designed, constructed, installed, improved, extended, and altered in substantial accord with the requirements of the 2015 Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement, developed by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and such amendments or revision adopted by the Building Department to protect the health, life, safety, and welfare of persons and property in this city.*

This ordinance shall become effective upon its publication, which date is expected to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D., 20\_\_\_\_\_.