



Comment from the City of Reno on proposed changes to NAC 701A

Given the language in NRS:

1. The Director of the Office of Energy shall adopt a Green Building Rating System for the purposes of determining the eligibility of a building or other structure for a tax abatement pursuant to NRS 701A.110.

2. The Green Building Rating System must include standards and ratings equivalent to the standards and ratings provided pursuant to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System or an equivalent rating system, except that the standards adopted by the Director:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), must not include:

(1) Any standard that has not been included in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System or the equivalent rating system for at least 2 years; or

(2) Standards for homes;

The City of Reno would like to see the incentive extended to multi-family residential projects which do not fall into the statutory definition for homes. The standards that may be used for green, multifamily buildings are:

- LEED Homes and <sup>Multi Family</sup> ~~Multi Family~~ Midrise
- ANSI Standard, National Green Building Standard for Multifamily
- Enterprise Green Communities for Low-Income Multifamily projects

The commercial and residential building sectors are responsible for 66% of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions. An incentive to reduce emissions would create a new green building market in Nevada and assist to strengthen the affordable housing market.