



Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

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City of Portland, Oregon
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Hello,

This spring, Portland City Council will consider a new policy proposal for commercial buildings. The proposed “Energy Performance Reporting Policy” would provide information to potential tenants and buyers about energy use and motivate investment in efficiency improvements.

The proposed policy would require owners of commercial buildings to track performance with a free online tool called Energy Star Portfolio Manager and report energy use information to the City of Portland on an annual basis.

The following commercial buildings over 20,000 square feet would be affected by the policy:

- Offices
- Retail spaces
- Grocery stores
- Health care and higher education
- Hotels

Why is the City proposing this policy?

- The energy used to operate buildings is one of the largest sources of carbon pollution in Portland.
- Similar to a MPG rating for a new car, the proposed policy would allow potential tenants and owners to have access to important information about building energy performance.
- Policies in 10 other U.S. cities have also proven to motivate investment in efficiency improvements that save money and reduce carbon emissions.

Attend a public information session in January 2015

To learn more about the proposal, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability invites you to attend one of two information sessions in January 2015.

Information Session #1

- Wednesday, January 14, 2015
- 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Room 2500A

Information Session #2

- Tuesday, January 20, 2015
- 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Room 2500A

To read more, provide feedback and sign up for policy updates, please visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/energyreporting.

About the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

The Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) develops creative and practical solutions to enhance Portland’s livability, preserve distinctive places and plan for a resilient future. BPS collaborates with community partners to provide comprehensive land use, neighborhood, district, economic, historic and environmental planning, and urban design; research, policy and technical services to advance green building, energy efficiency and the use of solar and renewable energy, waste prevention, composting and recycling, and a sustainable food system; and, policy and actions to address climate change.

