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## **Q&A with Milwaukee's Building Energy Taskforce**

### **What are the policy considerations to update based on local needs?**

#### [Policy Template](#)

Policy considerations to review with city staff and community stakeholders:

Building type – commercial, industrial, multifamily, municipal

Size threshold – 25,000, 50,000, or 100,000 sqft

Timeline for compliance – annually vs. phased in over time

Type of data submitted – energy, water

Amount of data submitted – whole building, base building, tenant data

Fines for noncompliance

Data verification criteria

Metric disclosure and mapping of building energy performance

Assistance from utilities on whole-building data collection

Activity beyond benchmarking – audits, re-tuning, retro-commissioning (RCx), performance standards

Technical support from city or another third-party

Recognition – awards, competition, certificates, etc.

### **How should advisory groups and/or public meetings be structured?**

Here is an overview of [Stakeholder Engagement](#). Below are recommended steps and meeting structure for an advisory group:

1. Ensure Council supports the development of a policy (i.e. approved in a CAP or through a work plan)
2. Assign either staff or a commission that advises Council with the charge to create a policy to present to council
3. Create an advisory group and/or host staged public meetings to get feedback on local needs to inform policy.
  - 1) Public kick-off of policy development, and introduction to benchmarking and transparency policy package
  - 2) Overview of building benchmarking, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, reporting, and transparency
  - 3) Examining policy structure and strategies, reporting process, and compliance
  - 4) Implementation and enforcement, education and workforce trainings
  - 5) Final workshop – Summarize what the group has learned