

# Comparison of U.S. Commercial Building Energy Benchmarking and Disclosure Policies



	Legislation				Building Type & Size Threshold			Disclosure				Rating System		Additional Elements			
	Jurisdiction	Short Name	Enacted	First Compliance Deadline	Municipal	Commercial	Multifamily	To Gov't	On Public Website	Time of Transaction	To Current Tenants	Energy Star	Other	Utility Req't	Water Use Tracking	Additional Requirements	
Cities	Atlanta	Atlanta Commercial Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance	Apr 2015	Jul 2015	10K SF+	25K SF+	25K SF+	✓	Energy Star Score of 50+	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	ASHRAE level II audits every 10 years	
	Austin	Energy Conservation Audit & Disclosure (ECAD) Ordinance	Nov 2008	June 2011	✓	10K SF+	Audits	✓	-	Buyers	-	✓	ACLARA	-	-	Audits & mandatory upgrades for multifamily buildings	
	Berkeley	Building Energy Saving Ordinance	Mar 2015	Oct 2016	25K SF+	25K SF+	25K SF+	✓	✓	Buyers, Lessees	✓	✓	-	-	-	Energy report every 5 years for large buildings, every 8 years for medium and small buildings	
	Boston	Boston Energy Reporting and Disclosure Ordinance	May 2013	May 2014	✓	35K SF+	35+ units or 35K SF+	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	Periodic energy assessments and/or actions	
	Cambridge	Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance	July 2014	December 2014	10K SF+	25K SF+	50+ units	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	
	Chicago	Chapter 18-14. Building Energy Use Benchmarking Ordinance	Sept 2013	June 2014	50K SF+	50K SF+	50K SF+	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	Verification of benchmarking data by licensed professional 1 <sup>st</sup> year, then every 3 years
	District of Columbia	Clean and Affordable Energy Act of 2008	July 2008	April 2013	10K SF+	50K SF+	50K SF+	✓	✓	-	-	✓	Energy Star Target Finder	-	✓	-	
	Kansas City	Energy Empowerment Ordinance	Jun 2015	May 2016	10K SF+	50K SF+	50K SF+	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	
	Minneapolis	Chapter 47.190. Commercial Building Rating and Disclosure Ordinance	Jan 2013	May 2014	25K SF+	50K SF+	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	
	New York City	Local Law 84 (additional requirements in LL 87, LL 88)	Dec 2009	August 2011	10K SF+	50K SF+	50K SF+	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	ASHRAE level II audits & RCx (LL 87), lighting upgrades & submetering (LL 88)	
Philadelphia	§9-3402 of the Philadelphia Code	June 2012	October 2013	50K SF+	50K SF+	50K SF+	✓	✓	Buyers, Lessees	-	✓	-	-	✓	-		

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Cities	Portland, OR	Energy Performance Reporting Policy	Apr 2015	Apr 2016	20K SF+	20K SF+	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-
	San Francisco	Existing Commercial Buildings Energy Performance Ord.	Feb 2011	October 2011	10K SF+	10K SF+	-	✓	✓	†Buyers, Lessees, Lenders	✓	-	†	-	ASHRAE level I or II audits or RCx every 5 years	
	Seattle	CB 116731	Jan 2010	October 2011	20K SF+	20K SF+	20K SF+	✓	-	†Buyers, Lessees, Lenders	✓	-	✓	-	-	

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