



# CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS

**SUBJECT:**

High Performance and Sustainable Building Policy

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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**General:** The City of Newport News recognizes the importance of a sustainable built environment to maximize the environmental quality, economic vitality, and social benefit of our City. We are committed to lead by example in setting standards for the high performance of public buildings and infrastructure to promote a culture of stewardship within City government and our community. The City is committed to incorporate green building standards in compliance with the High Performance Building Act. The provision is in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-1804.1 entitled “Building by locality; high performance standards.”

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate the City’s commitment to sustainability that promotes the well-being of people and the City over the long term. Sustainable design, construction, operation, maintenance, and renovation is intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; minimize the use of energy, water and other natural resources; provide a healthy, productive indoor environment; and contribute to the goals of the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Sustainability Plan.

**A. High Performance Building Standards:**

1. All City buildings will be constructed in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-1804.1 as amended entitled “Building by locality; high performance standards.” Full text is available [here](#).
2. Employ Integrated Design Principles by:
  - a) Initiating and maintaining an integrated project team in all stages of a project planning and delivery;
  - b) Establishing performance goals for siting, energy, water, materials, and indoor environmental quality along with other comprehensive design goals;
  - c) Incorporating the goals throughout the design and life cycle of the building including decommissioning, and,
  - d) Considering the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) Envision checklist for civil infrastructure project development
3. Buildings shall be funded at a level that ensures integrated design principles as defined above while considering the cost and benefit impact of the design.
4. Promote sustainable practices throughout the community’s built environment through incentive Programs, e.g., Facility Improvement Grant (FIG), Commercial Rehabilitation Property Tax Abatement (CRPTA).

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