

**Resolution 145-21  
Green Building Policy**

**WHEREAS**, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council).


**WHEREAS**, green building – also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building -- is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the desire of the Borough of Franklin Lakes to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, continued procurement practices, improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, and increase construction waste recycling.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Franklin Lakes, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the Borough of Franklin Lakes hereby implements a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities.

**I, Gail M. Rulli, Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Franklin Lakes, do hereby certify that the above is a certified true copy of a resolution passed by the Mayor and Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, at 7:30 P.M. via Zoom Videoconferencing, a quorum being present.**

  
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Gail M. Rulli, Municipal Clerk

**May 18, 2021**  
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Date