



January 11, 2018

TO: Berthoud Builders  
DEPT. Community Development  
TITLE Curt Freese, Community Development Director

**Re: 2015 Energy Code and Amendments and Dark Sky Requirements**

Staff recently sent out a letter along with the proposed changes and amendments regarding the proposed adoption of the 2015 IECC. At the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Town Board meeting, the 2015 IECC with amendments was adopted, as well as revisions to the Dark Sky Ordinance. This letter is to provide notice of these changes, along with new requirements for dark sky exterior lighting fixtures on all new homes.

The revised Dark Sky ordinance will require dark sky compliant fully shielded exterior fixtures. Starting on February 10, all new homes should submit some form of documentation that all exterior fixtures will be dark sky compliant (have the IDA seal of approval).

Starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, all new homes will need to submit Manual D and J, and Manual S only if required by the Building Official with their Master Plans, as well as a RES/COM check. Should a builder wish to go the non-prescriptive route, an ERI would be required. A final RES/COM Check will be required before a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) is issued.

Again, any permits submitted before February 1, 2018 will be processed under the old energy code provisions, and any permits submitted before February 9, 2018 will not have to provide dark sky compatibility for exterior light fixtures. All permits after February 1<sup>st</sup>, must comply with the new IECC standards, and all permits submitted after February 9<sup>th</sup> must comply with the new Dark Sky standards.

Should you have questions or comments on the code update and amendments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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