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New Home Buyers To Save Hundreds Each Year on Energy Bills with Update of Energy Codes

September 12, 2013 – Omaha homeowners are set to save hundreds more every year as the Omaha City Council considers the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) in the coming weeks. The 2012 IECC code is the most up-to-date energy code available to ensure homes aren't wasting energy and losing comfort.

Homes built to the new code would save new homeowners more than \$250 dollars a year on energy costs over the current code and would make Omaha a leader in energy efficiency.

The new codes already have the widespread support from builders, businesses, and city leaders, and a [recent survey found](#) that Omaha residents overwhelmingly favor improved efficiency through updated energy codes. In fact, 72 percent of Omaha residents said they would be willing to pay more for a home that is more energy-efficient and 85 percent believe that homeowners have a right to a home that meets the most current up-to-date codes.

Upgrading to the 2012 IECC ensures that new Omaha homeowners will be spending less on energy than those in other cities across the state and the slight increase in construction costs for improved energy efficiency would pay for itself within the first few months of home ownership.

The survey was commissioned by the [Building Codes Assistance Project](#), an organization that assists state and local jurisdictions with energy codes.

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