

Town Meeting Motion:

Moved: That the Town will enact Article XI, Section 17.2 of the Town of Lincoln General Bylaws, entitled “Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration” for the purpose of restricting and prohibiting new building construction and major renovation projects that are not fossil fuel-free, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR 24.

17.2 Participation in Department of Energy Resources Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration

17.2.1 Definitions

Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration – Codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 24.00, the Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration

Specialized Energy Code – Codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, the Specialized Energy Code adds residential and commercial appendices to the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code, based on amendments to the respective net-zero appendices of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to incorporate the energy efficiency of the Stretch energy code and further reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code, with the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from the buildings sector no later than 2050.

17.2.2 Purpose

The purpose of 225 CMR 24, also referred to as the Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration is to restrict and prohibit new building construction and major renovation projects that are not fossil fuel-free.

17.2.3 Applicability

*This restriction applies to residential and commercial buildings that qualify as new construction or major renovation, as defined in **XX CMR XX**. This restriction shall not apply to research laboratories for scientific or medical research, hospitals and medical offices regulated by the department of public health as a health care facility as defined in **XX CMR XX**.*

17.2.4 Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration

The Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration, as codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 24, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Lincoln General Bylaws, Article XI, Section 17 with an effective date of six months following the approval by the Department of Energy Resources of Lincoln as a Participating Community pursuant to 225 CMR 24.

17.2.5 Amendments to the Specialized Energy Code

With adoption of the Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration, and upon approval by DOER, the following amendments to the Specialized Energy Code are adopted. These changes are enforceable by the Building Inspector and will go into effect for any project seeking a permit after the effective date.

- a. Low-rise Residential Code (225 CMR 22 Appendix RC)
 - 1. Sections RC102 and RC101 “Zero Energy Pathway” and “Mixed Fuel Pathway” shall not be permitted for use for new construction or major renovations.**
- b. Commercial and All Other (225 CMR 23 Appendix CC)
 - i. Sections CC103 and CC105 “Zero Energy Pathway” and “Mixed-Fuel Pathway” shall not be permitted for new construction or major renovations, with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Research laboratories for scientific or medical research,*
 - 2. Hospitals regulated by the department of public health as a health care facility,*
 - 3. Medical offices regulated by the department of public health as a health care facility,*
 - 4. Buildings heated with Clean Biomass Heating Systems as defined in 225 CMR 23 as the only combustion equipment,*
 - 5. Multi-family buildings over 12,000 square feet with permit application filed prior to January 1, 2027, may utilize gas or propane for domestic water heating as the only combustion equipment.***

17.2.6 Effective Date

This Bylaw shall be effective six months after the approval by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources of Lincoln as a Participating Community pursuant to 225 CMR 24.

