



Energy Code Compliance: Tips, Tricks and Case Studies

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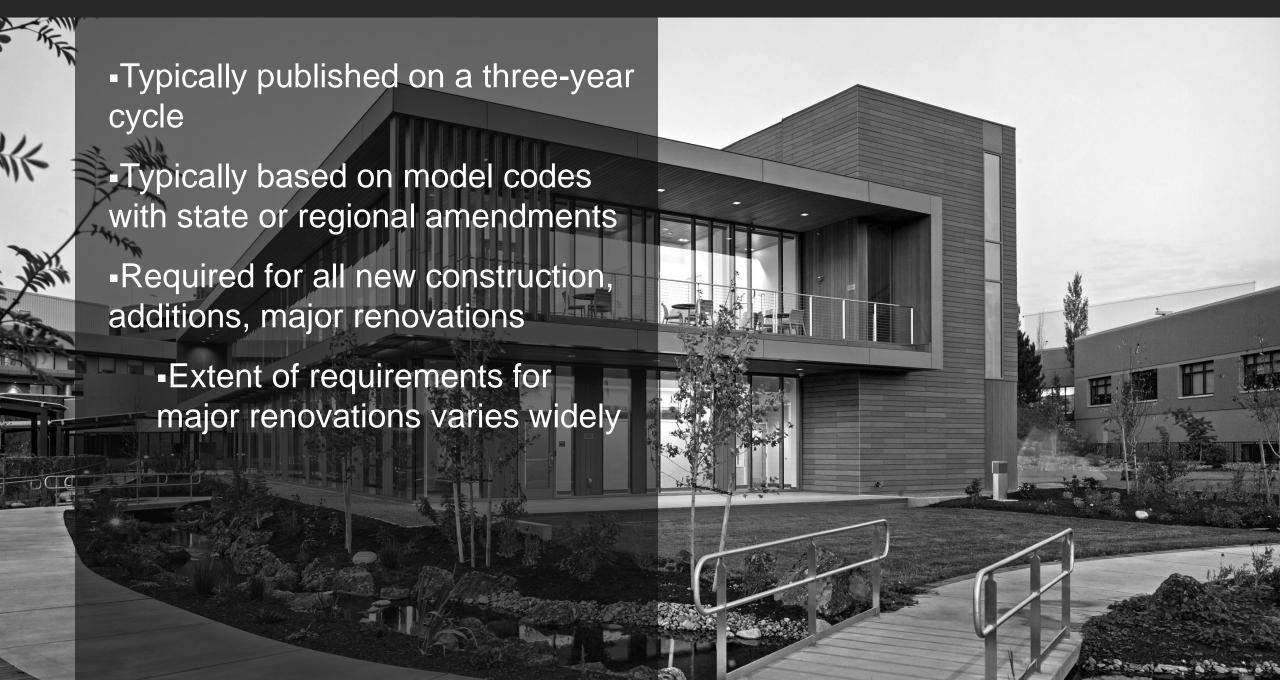
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# Learning Objectives

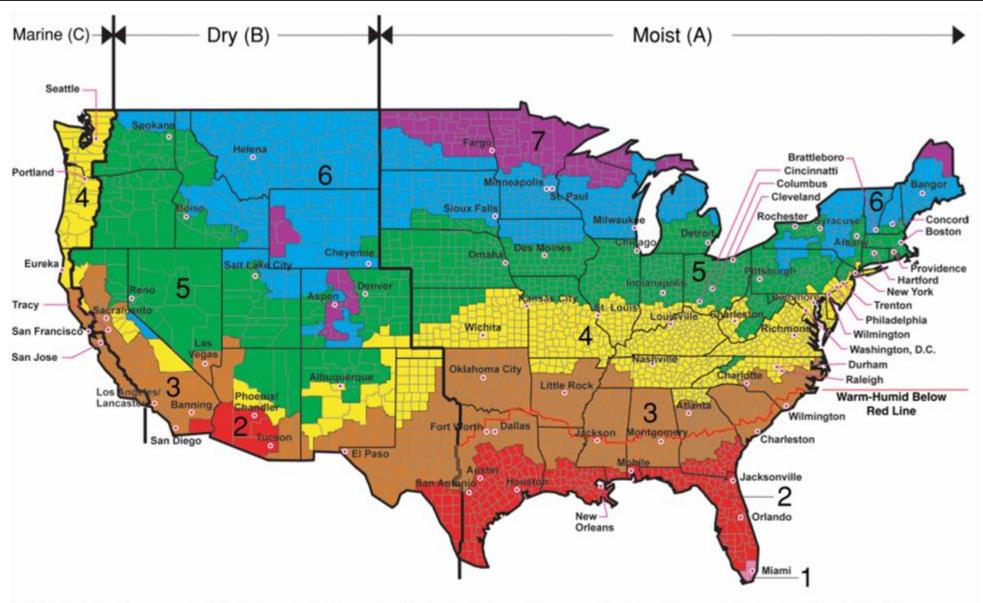
- 1. Understand the common features of energy codes across different jurisdictions.
- 2. Understand the common ways to comply with building envelope performance requirements including prescriptive path, simplified trade-off and whole building analysis.
- 3. Understand how and where analysis is recommended in the design process to ensure there is not a code compliance issue.
- 4. Understand how energy codes and the simplified trade-off process has been used to leverage and inform the design process for a mixed use high rise in Portland, Oregon

<sup>\*</sup> Adopted new Code to be effective at a later date



- Typical organization
  - Electrical
    - Lighting
    - Controls
  - Mechanical
    - HVAC Equipment
    - Controls
    - Heating water
  - Envelope





All of Alaska in Zone 7 except for the following Boroughs in Zone 8: Bethel, Dellingham, Fairbanks, N. Star, Nome North Slope, Northwest Arctic, Southeast Fairbanks, Wade Hampton, and Yukon-Koyukuk

Zone 1 includes: Hawaii, Guarn, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands

- Lighting power density
  - Interior
  - Exterior
- Controls
  - Occupancy
  - Daylight



TABLE 9.5.1 Lighting Power Densities Using the Building Area Method

Building Area Type <sup>n</sup>	LPD (W/ft <sup>2</sup> )	
Automotive facility	0.82	
Convention center	1.08	
Courthouse	1.05	
Dining: bar lounge/leisure	0.99	
Dining: cafeteria/fast food	0.90	
Dining: family	0.89	
Dormitory	0.61	
Exercise center	0.88	
Fire station	0.71	
Gymnasium	1.00	
Health-care clinic	0.87	
Hospital	1.21	
Hotel	1.00	
Library	1.18	
Manufacturing facility	1.11	
Motel	0.88	
Motion picture theater	0.83	
Multifamily	0.60	
Museum	1.06	
Office	0.90	
Parking garage	0.25	
Penitentiary	0.97	
Performing arts theater	1.39	
Police station	0.96	
Post office	0.87	
Religious building	1.05	
Retail	1.40	
School/university	0.99	
Sports arena	0.78	
Town hall	0.92	
Transportation	0.77	
Warehouse	0.66	
Workshop	1.20	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> In cases where both a general building area type and a specific building area type are listed, the specific building area type shall apply.

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- HVAC Equipment
- Controls
- Heating water

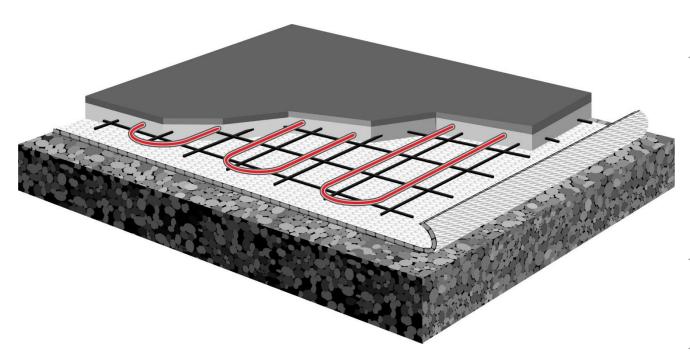


TABLE 6.8.1A Electronically Operated Unitary Air Conditioners and Condensing Units— Minimum Efficiency Requirements

Equipment Type	Size Category	Heating Subcategory or Section Type Rating Condition		Minimum Efficiency <sup>a</sup>	Test Procedure <sup>b</sup>	
		Section Type	Split system	13.0 SEER	rrocedure	
Air conditioners, air cooled		All	Single package	13.0 SEER 13.0 SEER	ATIDI	
			Split system	12.0 SEER	AHRI 210/240	
Through-the-wall (air cooled)	≤30,000 Btu/h <sup>c</sup>	All	Single package	12.0 SEER 12.0 SEER	2.0/240	
(air coolea)	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h	Electric resistance	Split system and	11.2 EER		
		(or none)	single package	11.4 IEER		
			Split system and	11.0 EER	_	
		All other	single package	11.2 IEER	_	
		Electric resistance	Split system and	11.0 EER		
	≥135,000 Btu/h and	(or none)	single package	11.2 IEER		
	<240,000 Btu/h	All other	Split system and	10.8 EER		
Air conditioners,			single package	11.0 IEER	_ AHRI	
air cooled	240 000 Pr. II. I	Electric resistance (or none)	Split system and single package	10.0 EER 10.1 IEER	340/360	
	≥240,000 Btu/h and <760,000 Btu/h	(or none)		9.8 EER	-	
	1700,000 Diam	All other	Split system and single package	9.9 IEER		
		Electric resistance	Split system and	9.7 EER	-	
		(or none)	single package	9.8 IEER		
	≥760,000 Btu/h	All other	Split system and	9.5 EER		
			single package	9.6 IEER		
	<65,000 Btu/h	All	Split system and	12.1 EER	AHRI	
			single package	12.3 IEER	210/240	
		Electric resistance (or none)		11.5 EER (before 6/1/2011)	_ AHRI 340/360	
	≥65,000 Btu/h and <135,000 Btu/h ≥135,000 Btu/h and <240,000 Btu/h			12.1 EER (as of 6/1/2011) 11.7 IEER (before 6/1/2011)		
				12.3 IEER (as of 6/1/2011)		
		All other  Electric resistance (or none)	Split system and single package Split system and single package	11.3 EER(before 6/1/2011)		
Air conditioners,				11.9 EER(as of 6/1/2011)		
water				11.5 IEER (before 6/1/2011)		
cooled				12.1 IEER (as of 6/1/2011)		
				11.0 EER (before 6/1/2011) 12.5 EER (as of 6/1/2011)		
				11.2 IEER (before 6/1/2011)		
				12.5 IEER (as of 6/1/2011)		
		All other	ll other Split system and single package	10.8 EER (before 6/1/2011)		
				12.3 EER (before 6/1/2011)		
				11.0 IEER (before 6/1/2011)		
				12.5 IEER (before 6/1/2011)		
Air conditioners,	≥240,000 Btu/h and .	Electric resistance (or none)	Split system and single package	11.0 EER (before 6/1/2011)	_ AHRI 340/360	
				12.4 EER (as of 6/1/2011)		
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		All other				
water cooled	~/00,000 Bid/fi		Split system and single package	10.8 EER (before 6/1/2011) 12.2 EER (as of 6/1/2011)		
				10.9 IEER (as of 6/1/2011)		
			single package	12.4 IEER (as of 6/1/2011)		

- Thermal Performance
- Air Barriers
  - Continuous air barrier requirement
- Air Leakage
  - Louvers
  - Loading docks
- Vestibules

TABLE 5.5-4 Building Envelope Requirements for Climate Zone 4 (A, B, C)\*

IABLE 3.3-4	bulluling E	invelope nequire	cilicinta ioi	Cilillate 2011e 4	(A, D, C)		
	Non	Nonresidential		Residential		Semiheated	
Opaque Elements	Assembly Maximum	Insulation Min. R-Value	Assembly Maximum	Insulation Min. R-Value	Assembly Maximum	Insulation Min. R-Value	
Roofs							
Insulation Entirely above De	ck U-0.048	R-20.0 c.i.	U-0.048	R-20.0 c.i.	U-0.173	R-5.0 c.i.	
Metal Building <sup>a</sup>	U-0.055	R-13.0 + R-13.0	U-0.055	R-13.0 + R-13.0	U-0.097	R-10.0	
Attic and Other	U-0.027	R-38.0	U-0.027	R-38.0	U-0.053	R-19.0	
Walls, Above-Grade							
Mass	U-0.104	R-9.5 c.i.	U-0.090	R-11.4 c.i.	U-0.580	NR	
Metal Building	U-0.084	R-19.0	U-0.084	R-19.0	U-0.113	R-13.0	
Steel-Framed	U-0.064	R-13.0 + R-7.5 c.i.	U-0.064	R-13.0 + R-7.5 c.i.	U-0.124	R-13.0	
Wood-Framed and Other	U-0.089	R-13.0	U-0.064	R-13.0 + R-3.8 c.i.	U-0.089	R-13.0	
Walls, Below-Grade							
Below-Grade Wall	C-1.140	NR	C-0.119	R-7.5 c.i.	C-1.140	NR	
Floors							
Mass	U-0.087	R-8.3 c.i.	U-0.074	R-10.4 c.i.	U-0.137	R-4.2 c.i.	
Steel-Joist	U-0.038	R-30.0	U-0.038	R-30.0	U-0.069	R-13.0	
Wood-Framed and Other	U-0.033	R-30.0	U-0.033	R-30.0	U-0.066	R-13.0	
Slab-On-Grade Floors							
Unheated	F-0.730	NR	F-0.540	R-10 for 24 in.	F-0.730	NR	
Heated	F-0.860	R-15 for 24 in.	F-0.860	R-15 for 24 in.	F-1.020	R-7.5 for 12 ir	
Opaque Doors							
Swinging	U-0.700		U-0.700		U-0.700		
Nonswinging	U-0.500		U-0.500		U-1.450		
Fenestration	Assembly Max. U	Assembly Max. SHGC	Assembly Max. U	Assembly Max. SHGC	Assembly Max. U	Assembly Mar SHGC	
Vertical Glazing, 0%-40% of Wall							
Nonmetal framing (all) <sup>c</sup>	U-0.40		U-0.40		U-1.20		
Metal framing (curtainwall/storefront) <sup>d</sup>	U-0.50	SHGC-0.40 all	U-0.50	SHGC-0.40 all	U-1.20	SHGC-NR all	
Metal framing (entrance doo	r) <sup>d</sup> U-0.85		U-0.85		U-1.20		
Metal framing (all other) <sup>d</sup>	U-0.55		U-0.55		U-1.20		
Skylight with Curb, Glass, % of Roof							
0%-2.0%	Uall-1.17	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -0.49	Uall-0.98	shgc <sub>all</sub> -0.36	$U_{all}$ -1.98	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -NR	
2.1%-5.0%	Uall <sup>-1.17</sup>	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -0.39	Uall-0.98	shgc <sub>all</sub> -0.19	Uall <sup>-1.98</sup>	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -NR	
Skylight with Curb, Plastic, % of Roo							
0%-2.0%	$U_{\rm all}^{-1.30}$	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -0.65	U <sub>all</sub> -1.30	$^{\mathrm{SHGC}}$ all $^{-0.62}$	$U_{all}^{-1.90}$	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -NR	
2.1%-5.0%	U <sub>all</sub> -1.30	SHGC <sub>all</sub> =0.34	Uall-1.30	shgc <sub>all</sub> -0.27	U <sub>all</sub> -1.90	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -NR	
Skylight without Curb, All, % of Roof							
0%-2.0%	Uall <sup>-0.69</sup>	$SHGC_{all}$ -0.49	$U_{all}^{-0.58}$	$_{\mathrm{SHGC}_{\mathrm{all}^{-0.36}}}$	$U_{all}^{-1.36}$	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -NR	
2.1%-5.0%	U <sub>all</sub> -0.69	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -0.39	U <sub>all</sub> -0.58	SHGC <sub>all</sub> =0.19	Uall-1.36	SHGC <sub>all</sub> -NR	

<sup>\*</sup>The following definitions apply: c.i. = continuous insulation (see Section 3.2), NR = no (insulation) requirement.

When using R-value compliance method, a thermal spacer block is required; otherwise use the U-factor compliance method. See Table A2.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Exception to Section A3.1.3.1 applies.

Nonmetal framing includes framing materials other than metal with or without metal reinforcing or cladding.

<sup>6</sup>Metal framing includes metal framing with or without thermal break. The "all other" subcategory includes operable windows, fixed windows, and non-entrance doors.

- Air Barrier Testing
  - Washington State
- Commissioning
  - California
  - Washington State
- Switched Receptacles
  - California
  - Washington State
- •Envelope tradeoff starting at 30% glazing rather than 40% glazing
  - Oregon
  - Washington State
- LEED Mandates
  - City of San Francisco
  - Vancouver, BC, Canada







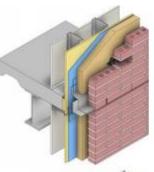
- Prescriptive
- Simplified Tradeoff
  - COMcheck
  - State-specific spreadsheet
- Performance





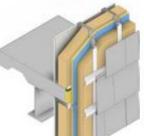
# Meet all code requirements individually

# Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects LLP Principles of Exterior Wall Systems



#### Rain Screen

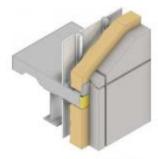
Brick Veneer Metal Panel Stone Veneer Terra Cotta Stucco Wood



### **Dual Insulation**

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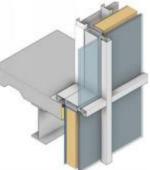
Metal Shingles



### Mass Wall

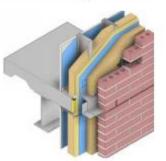
Precast Concrete

Cast-in-Place Concrete



#### Curtain Wall

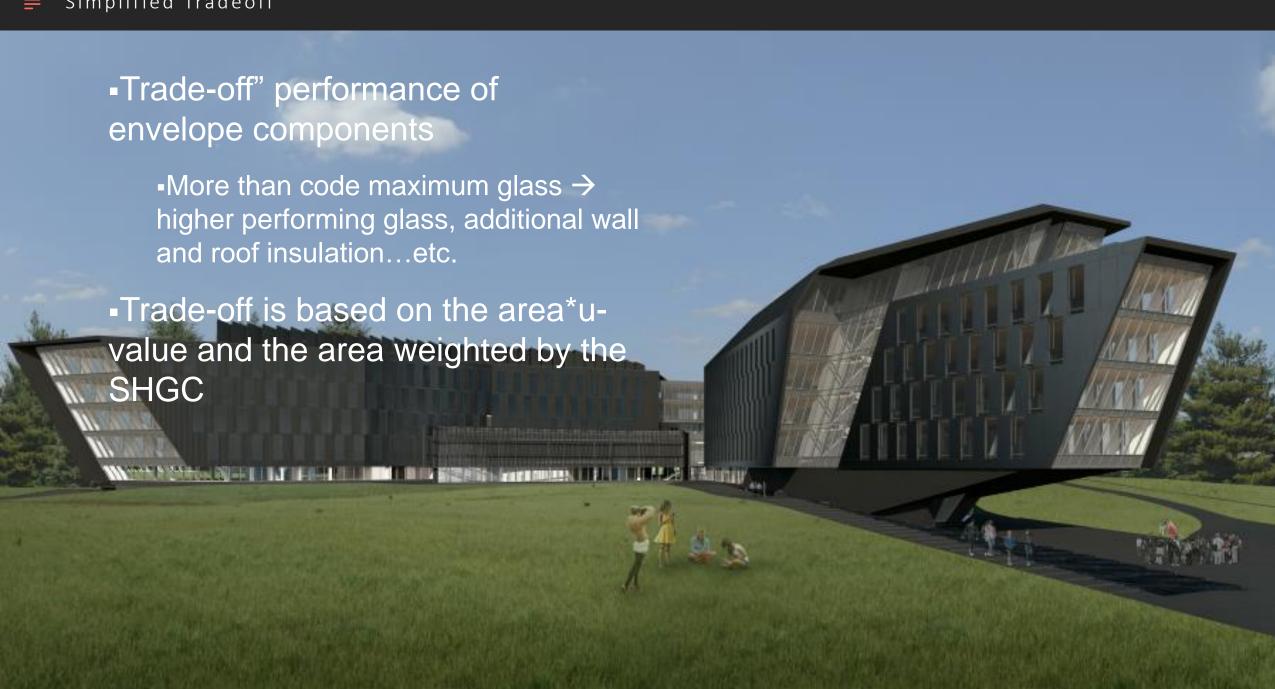
Stick-Built Unitized



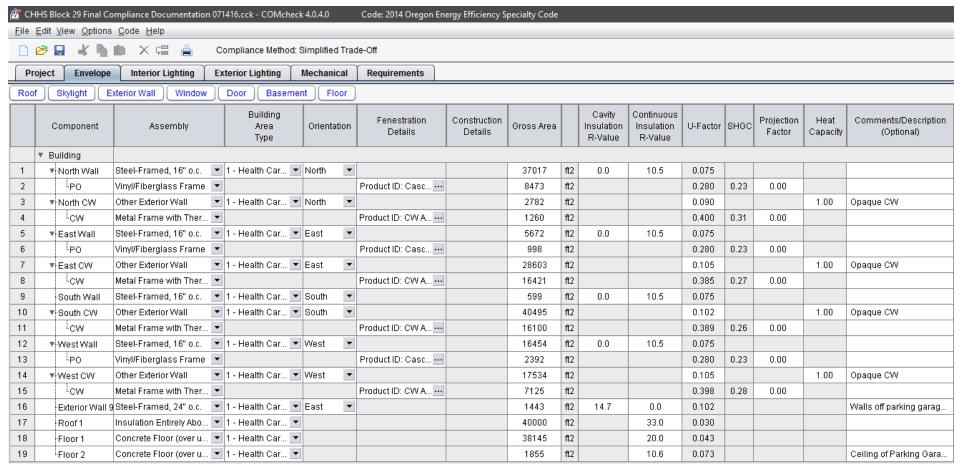
### Other Systems

Metal Shingle
Precast Concrete
Precast Concrete Sandwich
Brick Breathable Rain Screen

Insulation Placement







- •Demonstrate that the entire building (including MEP components) performs as well or better than a code minimum building
- May require additional review process







## **Eliminating the Patchwork:**

- Local government adopted a wide range of programs and approaches to address building energy efficiency.
- Development industry struggled to stay on top of these requirements.
- BC Energy Step Code offers a common standard for achieving building energy goals.





- 1. Regularize expectations in local municipalities
- 2. Prepare for goal to achieve Net Zero Ready by 2032

# **April 2017:**

- Step Code introduced as voluntary guidelines for municipalities to adopt
- Local jurisdictions decide how to incentivize and/or mandate Steps

# **December 15, 2017:**

- Existing programs in bylaw need to be transitioned
- New programs can be enforced

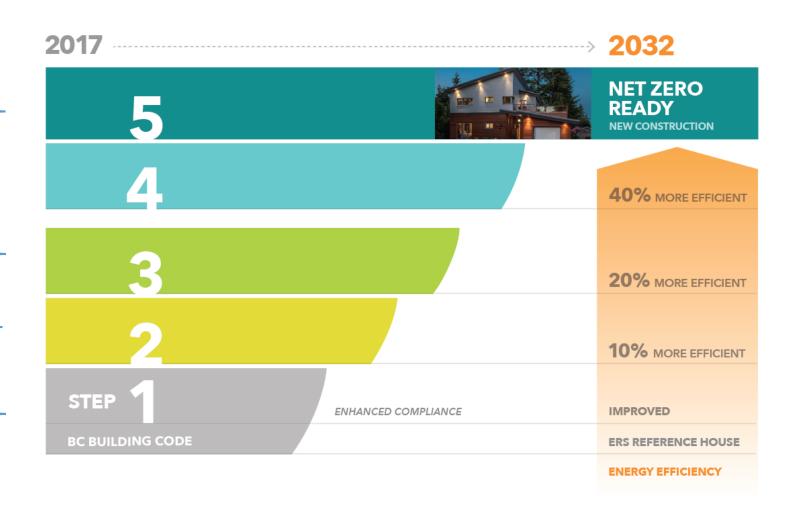
### **Sample Programs:**

City of North Vancouver

City of Richmond City of Surrey

Sparwood, Invermere, Kimberley Langley, Saanich

Resort Municipality of Whistler City of New Westminster



### **Typology Specific**



Figure 1: Definition of Lower and Upper Steps by building type (Part 9 and Part 3)

### **Climate Specific**



Map of BC Climate Zones, where zones are defined by the number of Heating Degree Days (HDD) in one year. The BC Energy Step Code for Large and Complex Buildings (Part 3) is only available in Climate Zone 4.

		PART 9	PART 3		
Energy Model	Building envelope metrics	Thermal Energy Demand Intensity (TEDI): The amount of annual heating energy needed to maintain a stable interior temperature, taking into account heat loss through the envelope and passive gains (i.e., the amount of heat gained from solar energy passing through the envelope or from activities in the home like cooking, lights, and body heat). It is calculated per unit of area of the conditioned space over the course of a year, and expressed in kWh/(m²-year).			
		<b>Peak Thermal Load (PTL):</b> The maximum amount of energy needed to heat a building on the coldest day of the year, expressed in W/m² of conditioned space. Energy modellers also refer to this as "Design Heat Loss."			
	Equipment and systems metrics	Percent Lower than EnerGuide Reference House: An EnerGuide reference house establishes how much energy a home would use if it was built to base building code standards. This metric identifies how much less energy - stated as a percentage - the new home will require compared to the reference house.  Mechanical Energy Use Intensity: The modelled amount of energy used by space heating and cooling, ventilation, and domestic hot water systems, per unit of area, over the course of a year, expressed in kWh/(m²-year).	<b>Total Energy Use Intensity:</b> The modelled amount of total energy used by a building, per unit of area, over the course of a year, expressed in kWh/(m²-year). It includes plug loads - appliances, lighting, entertainment systems, and so on - and process loads, namely heating, cooling, fans, and other mechanical systems. Some exceptions for unique situations are permitted (for example, electric vehicle charging), as outlined in the modelling guidelines referenced in the <b>BC Energy Step Code</b> regulation. This metric may be challenging to achieve		
al ha	Airtightness metrics	Air Changes per Hour at a 50 Pa Pressure Differential (ACH <sub>so</sub> ): The number	for specific buildings that have high process loads (for example, restaurants, hospitals, or large computer server farms).  Air Leakage Rate: A measure of the rate that air leaks through the building		
On-site Testing	An agratess metrics	of times the full volume of air in the building exchanges in an hour when a building is at a specified pressure, different than the outdoor air pressure, as measured by a "blower door test". This measures the airtightness of the building (or how much air leaks through the building envelope).	envelope per unit area of the building envelope, as recorded in L/(s·m²) at a 75 Pa pressure differential.		





DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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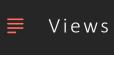
PORTLAND, OR

RESIDENTIAL: 253,000 GSF / 222 UNITS

OFFICE: 110,000 GSF RETAIL: 7,800 GSF AMENITY: 8,000 GSF PARKING: 260 CARS

470,000 SF









SW WASHINGTON + SW 10TH

SW WASHINGTON + SW 11TH

### **RESIDENTIAL:**

\_16 FLOORS

\_222 UNITS

\_86.1% EFF

\_980 SF AVG UNIT

### **OFFICE:**

\_6 FLOORS

### **RETAIL:**

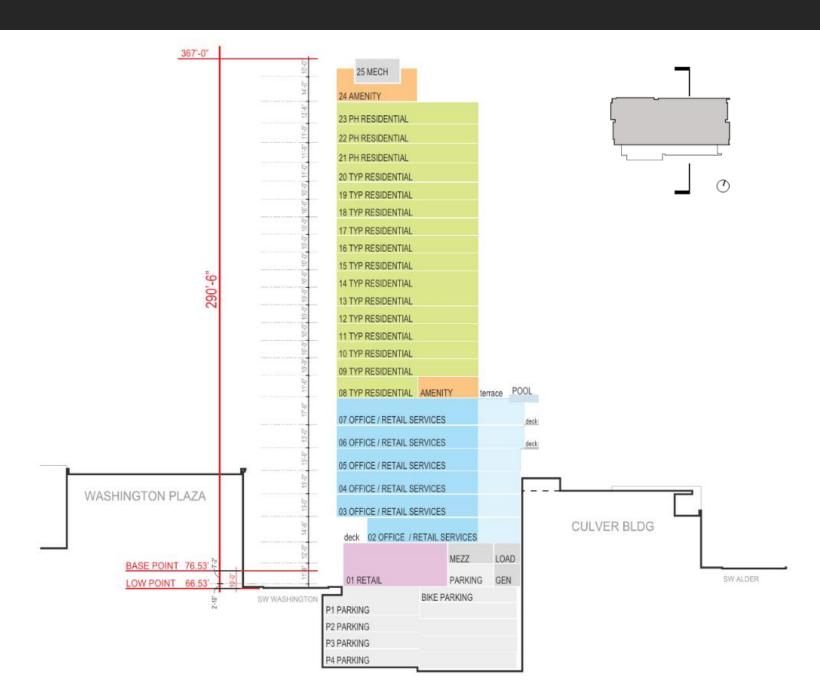
\_ACTIVE GROUND FLOOR

### **AMENITY:**

\_LEVEL 08 + LEVEL 24

### **PARKING:**

\_4 FLOORS BELOW GRADE

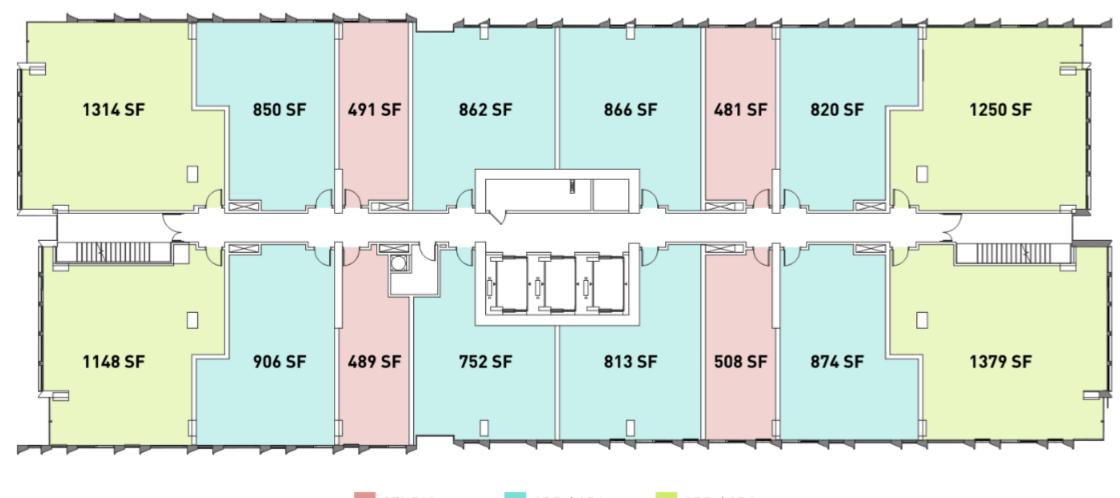


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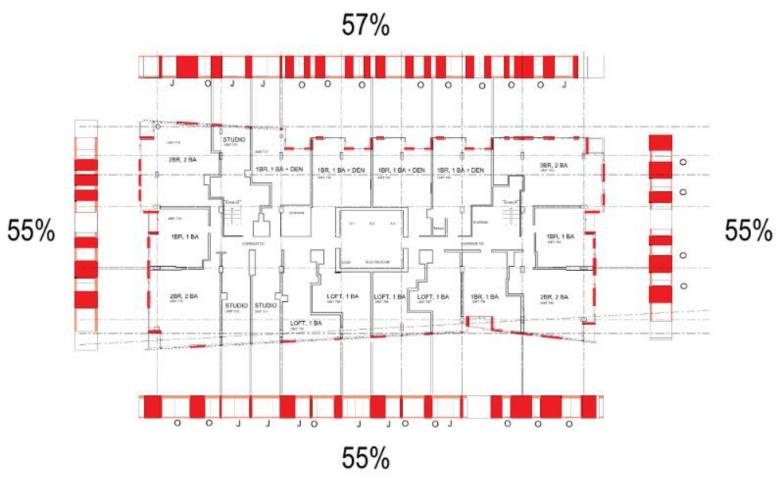
16,004 GSF FLOOR PLATE CORE & CIRCULATION 2,250 GSF

UNITS/LEVEL 16 UNITS 860 NSF **AVERAGE UNIT SIZE EFFICIENCY** 

86.1%







- Permitted under 2007 Energy Code
- Performance Path for code compliance
- LEED-NC v2.1 Platinum Certified

### -11W

- To be permitted under 2014 Energy Code
- Simplified Trade-off for code compliance
  - Trade of starts at 30% Glazing
  - •Could not use performance path due to time needed for energy model review at state level. Would add ~2 months to permit process
- •LEED-Homes v3 Multifamily Midrise Platinum Target





**40% GLAZING** 



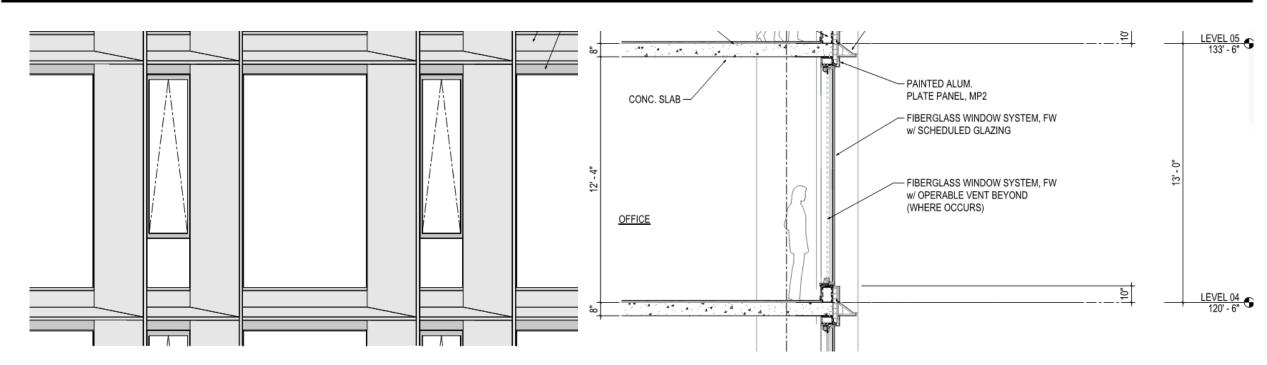
**50% GLAZING** 

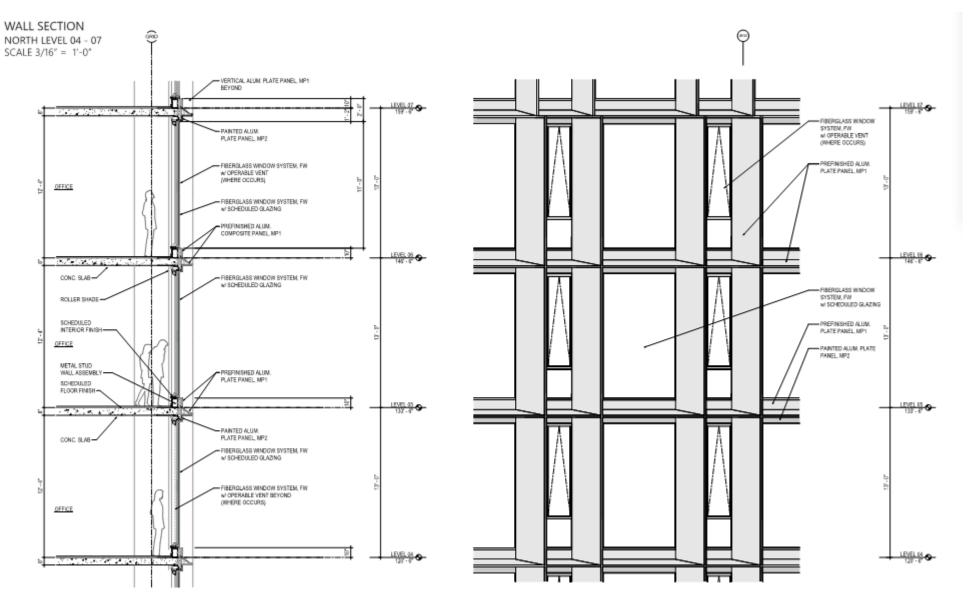


55% GLAZING



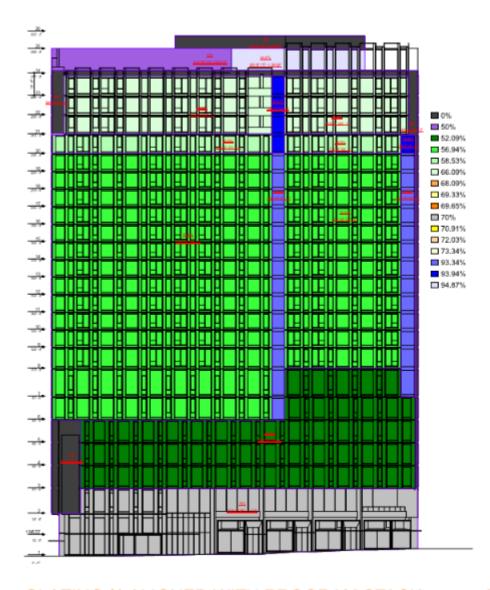
	40% VISION GLAZING	45% VISION GLAZING	50% VISION GLAZING	55% VISION GLAZING	55% VISION GLAZING
FRAME TYPE	Metal Frames	Metal Frames	Fiberglass Frames - North & South     Metal Frames - East & West	Fiberglass Frames - North & South     Metal Frames - East & West	Fiberglass Frames - North & South     Metal Frames - East & West
GLASS PERFORMANCE	U-value of 0.38 SHGC of 0.23	U-value of 0.38 SHGC of 0.23	U-value of 0.28, SHGC of 0.23 - North & South  U-value of 0.38, SHGC of 0.23 - East & West	U-value of 0.28 and SHGC of 0.23 - North & South  U-value of 0.38 and SHGC of 0.23 - East & West	U-value of 0.28 and SHGC of 0.17 - North & South U-value of 0.38 and SHGC of 0.17 - East & West
SHADING	• None	14" overhang - North & South     None - East & West	• None	14" overhang - North & South     None - East & West	• None

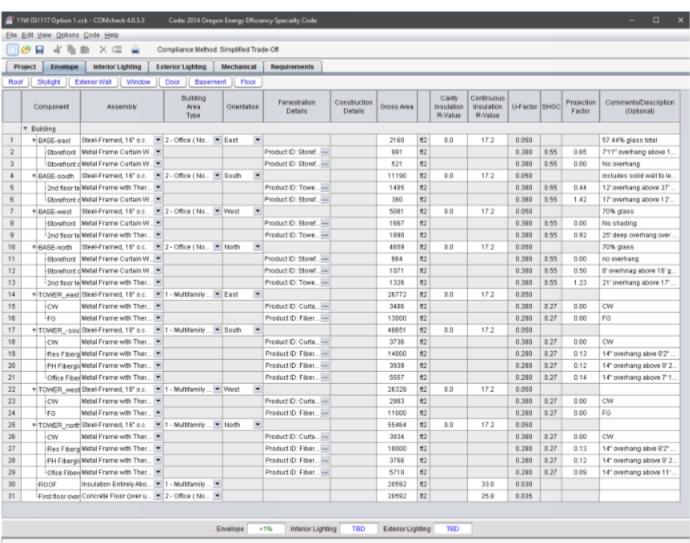




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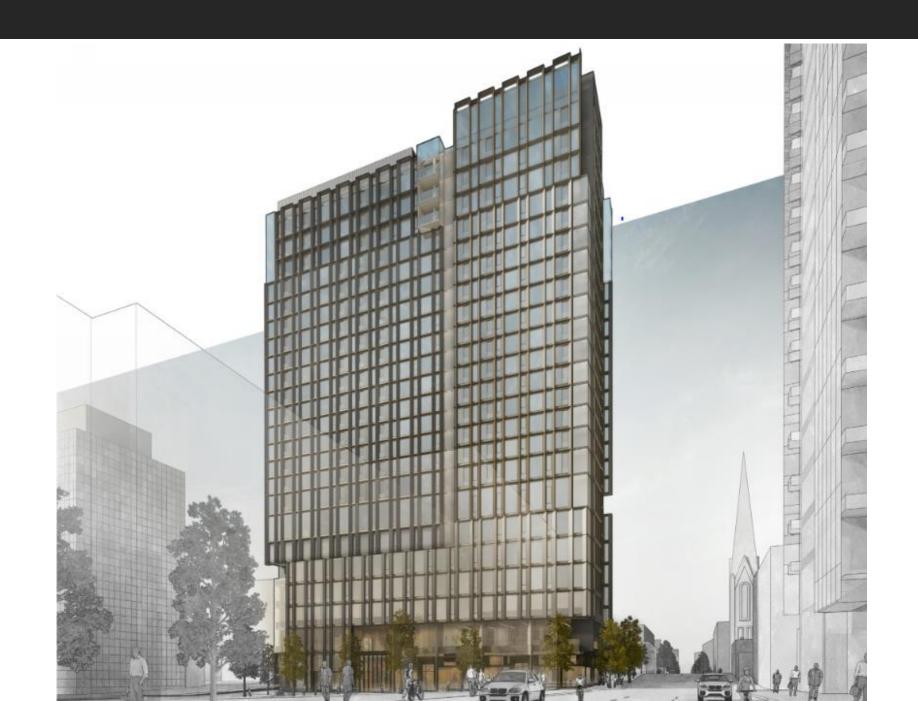
ENLARGED ELEVATION





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- Key elements of energy codes are consistent
- It is critical to determine appropriate requirements for your project and location
- Proactive analysis is essential to ensuring code considerations are addressed









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