



Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure Ordinance

Businesses, commercial facilities, schools, civic and other non-residential buildings located within the City of Austin that receive electricity from Austin Energy are required to determine an energy-use rating for their facilities.

If the building is 10 years old or older on June 1, 2011, the rating must be submitted by that date. If the building is less than 10 years old on June 1, 2011, a rating must be submitted by the 10th anniversary of the year of construction. Industrial property is exempt from this requirement.

How to Comply

Building owners should provide to Austin Energy their energy-use rating by utilizing one of the two approved energy-use rating systems:

- Use the **Portfolio Manager** rating tool from ENERGY STAR if your building is one of these types: Banks, Financial Institutions, Courthouses, Data Centers, Dormitories/Residence Halls, Hospitals (Acute Care and Children's), Hotels, Houses of Worship, K-12 schools, Medical Offices, Multifamily Housing, Offices, Retail Stores, Parking Garages, Supermarkets, Swimming Pools and Warehouses.
- Use the **Austin Energy Business Energy Analysis** rating tool for all other buildings less than 100,000 square feet.

If a rating cannot be determined, or help is needed, e-mail Austin Energy at ECAD@austinenergy.com.

How to Submit Your Rating

The online tool above will give a rating between 1 and 100 which indicates the overall energy use of the building compared to similar buildings. Factors such as weather and operating hours are part of the calculation.

Businesses should submit the **ECAD commercial disclosure form** found on Austin Energy's web site with the building rating to Austin Energy, fax 512-505-3932, or email to ECAD@austinenergy.com

The City of Austin Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure (ECAD) Ordinance, Austin City Code Chapter 6-7, is designed to help meet goals of the City of Austin Climate Protection Plan to offset 800 megawatts of peak energy demand by 2020, contributing to a reduction in the carbon footprint of the Austin community. The ordinance took effect June 1, 2009.

ENFORCEMENT

Non-compliance with the ECAD Ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor. Reported violations will be forwarded to the City of Austin Legal Department for review and action.

RESOURCES

AUSTIN ENERGY offers customers energy efficiency information and programs, including information about rebates and low-cost loans for efficiency improvements, and programs intended to help homeowners and businesses increase comfort and energy savings. Federal tax credits may also be available.

Please visit www.austinenergy.com or call **974-7827**.



For more information on the Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure Ordinance, please visit

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