

RESOLUTION 2025-__

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS CONFIRMING TOWN POLICY ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTIONS EMANATING FROM BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos Sustainability Plan addresses the major sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Los Gatos and sets forth a detailed and long-term strategy that the Town and community can implement to achieve the GHG emissions reduction target; and

WHEREAS, Section 17958(b) of the California Health and Safety Code generally restrict local agencies from adopting changes applicable to residential units in the provisions adopted pursuant to Section 17922 and published in the California Building Standards Code unless the changes meet an exception; and

WHEREAS, Section 17958 (b) (5) of the California Health and Safety Code specifies that local changes applicable to residential units in the provisions adopted pursuant to Section 17922 and published in the California Building Standards Code may be adopted if the changes or modifications are necessary to implement a local code amendment that is adopted to align with a general plan approved on or before June 10, 2025, and that permits mixed-fuel residential construction consistent with federal law while also incentivizing all-electric construction as part of an adopted greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos adopted a General Plan on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Policy 9.6 of the Environment and Sustainability Element of the Town of Los Gatos General Plan specifies to promote energy conservation in business and residential uses by encouraging installation of fixture and appliance upgrades, installation of solar panels, and other retrofits to existing structures; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos has adopted a Sustainability Plan that identifies actions that the Town may take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in commercial and residential buildings; and

WHEREAS, buildings constitute a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions in the Town of Los Gatos of approximately 42%, and taking reasonable regulatory actions to reduce

greenhouse gas emissions from buildings is an important component of the Town's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to adopt ordinances making changes to the provisions adopted pursuant to Section 17922 and published in the California Building Standards Code for residential units that require new and replaced air conditioning units to be capable of both heating and cooling, and to require certain building modifications to include electric readiness components.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos finds that:

1. As described in the Town's Sustainability Plan, it is the Town's policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from buildings.
2. The Town's proposed changes to the provisions adopted pursuant to Section 17922 and published in the California Building Standards Code for residential units are a part of the Town's adopted greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategy in its Sustainability Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 4th day of November 2025, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA