TO: Equity Commission

FROM: Kelly Adams, Assistant City Administrator

DATE: October 12, 2026

SUBJECT: City Council Request: Ordinance O2026-004 Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure

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1) Recommended Action:

Provide a recommendation to the City Council on the potential unintended consequences of draft Ordinance O2026-004 Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure.

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2) Background:

At its July 21, 2026, meeting, the City Council asked the Equity Commission to review proposed Ordinance O2026-004 and provide feedback on its potential equity impacts, benefits, and concerns.

The proposed ordinance would create a Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure Program. Sellers of residential properties would be required to obtain a Home Energy Score and share it with prospective buyers. The Home Energy Score, developed by the U.S. Department of Energy, provides a standardized rating of a home's energy efficiency and highlights opportunities for improvement. The ordinance would require information disclosure only; it would not mandate any energy-efficiency upgrades by homeowners or buyers.

Recognizing the Equity Commission's responsibility to assess the impacts of City policies on diverse community members, the City Council asked the Commission to review the proposed ordinance and provide recommendations within 60 days. The Council plans to consider this feedback as part of its broader evaluation of Ordinance O2026-004 and expects to receive the Commission's input within 90 days.

At the September 17, 2026, meeting of the Equity Commission, Commissioners agreed to finalize their recommendation to Council at the October 12 meeting.

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3) Alternatives:

- ❑ Do not provide a recommendation. Ask Council for more clarification.

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4) Attachments:

A. Staff Report: Recommendations Summary and Synthesis