

Reduce Air Pollution and Curb Global Warming

CITIES IN THE DFW AREA CAN DO IT IN FOUR STEPS

STEP 1 **Create a “PACE” Energy District**

Legislation was passed allowing cities to create “Energy District” to provide low interest loans to homeowners and businesses for renewable power and energy efficiency (HB1937). This will provide a funding mechanism that provides loans for the up-front cost of installing energy efficiency improvements or a solar panel array on homes and businesses that is paid back in very small monthly payments over a long period of time and the loan is tied to the property.

STEP 2 **Update Building Energy Codes to IECC 2009**

The International Energy Conservation Code 2009 will become the state minimum for new construction. Cities can be proactive and adopt this code which helps reduce air pollution caused by dirty power sources. The less energy buildings need the less demand there is to build new coal-fired power plants.

STEP 3 **Retrofit Existing Buildings**

Pass an ordinance that would assist residential and commercial buildings to undergo energy efficiency retrofits. Doing so would enable existing home and business owners to reduce energy consumption while maintaining the character of the city’s unique building stock..

STEP 4 **Adopt Goal of Net-Zero Energy Buildings by 2030**

This goal is shared by the Urban League, US Conference of Mayors, and the American Institute of Architects. Net-zero buildings generate as much energy as they consume from the electric grid with renewable energy. They are essential in reducing CO₂ emissions and other power plant pollution. Visit www.architecture2030.org to learn more..

For more information visit www.cleanenergyfortexas.org.

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The following DFW Cities are taking action on air pollution or global warming & would be more likely to act on the four step plan

**Arlington
Bedford
Carrollton
Cedar Hill
Denton
Euliss
Fort Worth
Frisco
Garland
Grapevine**

**Hurst
Irving
Lancaster
McKinney
Plano
Richardson
University Park
Waxahachie
Weatherford
Westlake**

**Tell city leaders you support
stronger building codes
and local energy districts**

If you live or do business in these cities, talk to your city leaders about energy districts & stronger building codes to reduce air pollution and curb global warming.

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