



Policy to Promote and Encourage Sustainable Development

Purpose

Sustainability and green development are powerful components for urban planning and problem solving and thus very important for the future growth of the City of Phoenix. The Adaptive Reuse Program is the first significant effort to incorporate sustainable elements and green construction, which can improve water use efficiency, minimize the carbon footprint, create economic benefit, and enhance the quality of life for current and future generations. Resources and processes that support sustainable development should be encouraged for adaptive reuse projects being reviewed by staff in the Development Services Department. The purpose of this policy is to provide direction to DSD staff and the development community to support sustainable and green development.

Policy

In an effort to promote and encourage sustainable development within the City of Phoenix beyond that of saving an existing building, staff should communicate to customers the resources available and the possible utilization of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code and the International Existing Building Code (IEBC) for some projects.

Procedure

Staff will include the Sustainability Information handout with applications for Adaptive Reuse site plan and building plan reviews.