

Practice: Implementing an Energy Code

Class activity:

Pretend you are the mayor of a city that has no energy code. Your job: form a committee of building professionals and building owners in your city to discuss a strategy for implementing an energy code. Who do you want on your committee?

At the first meeting, discuss the following:

- **Adoption:** Will you adopt a model energy code? Which one? Who should be involved in the decisions? What kinds of amendments might you want to consider for your city and state.
- **Code content:** What should the energy code cover? Residential buildings? Commercial buildings? Industrial? New or existing buildings? What are some of the building topics that it might include?
- **Compliance:** Who will be required to comply with the energy code? How will they demonstrate compliance?
- **Enforcement:** Who will be enforcing the energy code in your city? How will they enforce the code? What happens if people don't comply?

Be prepared to share your plan with the class!