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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #21-0160/ BUILDING CODE – COOL ROOFS		

DATE: January 3, 2022

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
 Members of the City Council  
 City Hall, Room 400  
 100 North Holliday Street

The Office of Sustainability is in receipt of City Council Bill #21-0160, which is for the purpose of requiring newly constructed buildings and additions to existing buildings partly financed using City funds to adhere to specified roofing requirements; authorizing certain exceptions; and generally relating to the installation of Cool Roofs.

The 2019 Sustainability Plan (formally adopted by the Planning Commission on April 22, 2019) addresses improvements in building energy use and actions to reduce the urban heat island effect in multiple chapters. Specifically, the Plan includes a relevant action in the “Energy” chapter:

Strategy #3. Support and deploy innovative technologies and programs to reduce energy use in buildings and transportation.

Action 3: Increase installation of cool roofs and green roofs and plant more shade trees in neighborhoods where concrete and other hard surfaces trap and collect heat, creating “urban heat islands.”

The Office of Sustainability recommends approval of City Council Bill #21-0160, as it aligns with the Energy goals in the Plan and helps to mitigate climate change impacts such as extreme heat events.

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