

Council Comments to City Council 12/6/21

Approving ordinance 948 to incorporate Seattle's Commercial energy code amendments does more than ban burning FF for space and water heating in Shoreline's large buildings above 3 stories. Limited though it is, this will be a welcome first step to transitioning away from fossil fuel in our buildings. But this ordinance, which will amend the Shoreline Municipal Code, serves a much broader purpose by including other important energy efficiency requirements in these buildings to reduce carbon emissions. This includes more stringent insulation and thermal value requirements for building materials and glazing, higher efficiency requirements for building penetrations, heating and cooling equipment, power and lighting controls and other factors. These energy efficiency improvements are essentially important to reduce the greenhouse gases destroying our planet's atmosphere. Adopting these amendments to the energy code sets a standard for future changes to all buildings in Shoreline. By adopting this ordinance for Shoreline and advocating for newly proposed legislature next year in Olympia, we hope be able to apply these code changes to residential buildings as well in the future.

We know, YOU know other jurisdictions in King County and beyond are watching to see what Shoreline is doing to adapt this city for climate changes that are coming.

I see our young people speaking out here in Shoreline and all over our country and the world demanding the societal changes essential to adapt to climate change and preserve their future world. We all have to heed their call.

Please move to adopt Ordinance No 948