

ARTICLE 26 AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS - MUNICIPAL OPT-IN SPECIALIZED STRETCH ENERGY CODE

To see if the Town will vote to replace the existing Chapter 115 of the Code of the Town of Lexington entitled “Stretch Energy Code” with the “Specialized Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, including future editions, amendments or modifications, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Sustainable Lexington Committee)

DESCRIPTION: The 2021 Massachusetts Climate Act required the development of a new Municipal Opt-in Specialized energy code (Specialized Code), in addition to updating the existing Stretch Code. The Stretch Code is an above-code appendix to the state’s base building energy code, designed to result in cost-effective construction that is more energy-efficient than what is built under the base code. The Specialized Code includes additional requirements above and beyond the Stretch Code, designed to ensure that new construction and major renovations are consistent with a net-zero economy by 2050. This code is expected to help Massachusetts meet its goal of net- zero emissions by 2050.