

TALKING POINTS FOR DALLAS GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE

- Dallas is a major non-attainment area for air quality standards
 - asthma and other pulmonary dysfunction are the leading causes of hospital visits among children
 - we stand to lose federal funding
- Energy costs are rising for all users
 - contributes to lack of affordable housing
 - contributes to business failures and housing foreclosures
- Buildings use 76% of electricity nationwide and emit 46% of all greenhouse gases—they are an important component of the problem and must be part of the solution
- Dallas can meet 101% of the expected growth in energy demand through efficiency and use of renewable energy sources
- Energy efficiency is a less expensive approach than building new power plants
- Mayor Leppert has asked us to commit to leadership in energy efficiency and green building—the time is now

Council,

Thank you for supporting the green building ordinance as the citizen task force has recommended it

AND

Please support development of guidelines for retrofitting existing buildings for energy efficiency

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