

**CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA**

**NUMBER 4.18**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: 8/21/12**

**SUPERSEDES: 7/9/07**

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION**

**I. PURPOSE**

This policy supports the City's commitment to environmental, economic, and social stewardship through sustainable building practices for City-owned buildings. The intent is to provide savings to taxpayers through reduced operating costs, provide a healthful working environment, contribute to protecting, conserving and enhancing the region's environmental resources and help promote a standard for sustainable buildings throughout the City.

**II. POLICY**

The City of Chesapeake strives to engage in energy efficient and sustainable construction of City buildings. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance, environmentally sustainable buildings. This policy recommends that City funded new construction be designed and constructed to achieve LEED certification whenever economically feasible. LEED certification shall be optional, and any decision to seek such certification shall first require consideration of additional design and construction costs that will be incurred in obtaining LEED certification.

**III. APPLICABILITY**

- A. This policy applies to projects for which budgeting, funding, design and construction management are the responsibility of agencies that report to the City Manager.
- B. This policy applies to new, permanent building projects (LEED New Construction).

1. For which all appropriations for design and construction are effective on or after July 1, 2008, and
  2. Are fully City-funded
- C. Application of this policy is subject to the final approval of the City Manager or his designee.

#### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The department and parties responsible for preparing budget estimates for new building construction shall investigate the first-costs and impacts of meeting LEED certification standards and shall include those costs in the estimates for applicable projects. The estimated costs of obtaining LEED certification shall be presented to the City Manager, or his designee, for consideration in determining whether it is advantageous to seek such certification for the new building under consideration.
- B. In instances where the City Manager determines that the cost of certification is prohibitive, LEED practices and similar energy efficiency standards shall be incorporated into the design to the extent practical, taking into consideration impact on the project budget.

  
Amar Dwarkanath, Interim City Manager

10/19/2012  
Date