

## Chula Vista, California

### Building Energy Saving Ordinance (BESO)

The Chula Vista Building Energy Saving Ordinance (BESO) requires buildings 20,000 sq. ft. and larger to meet energy efficiency improvement targets and complete audits and retro-commissioning (A/RCx). Buildings may qualify for an alternative high performance compliance pathway by achieving ENERGY STAR® Certification, having qualifying LEED Certification or demonstrating excellent energy performance.

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### Covered Buildings

The ordinance applies to commercial, industrial and multifamily properties with a floor area of at least 20,000 sq. ft. Multifamily buildings with individually metered units have different requirements than master-metered multifamily and nonresidential properties.

### Compliance Pathways

#### Conservation Requirements

Nonresidential and master-metered multifamily properties must meet applicable interim and final performance targets or complete required energy audits, retro-commissioning and efficiency improvements according to the ordinance's phased compliance schedule.

#### High Performance Pathway

High Performing Buildings may satisfy the conservation requirements by achieving one of the following conditions:

- An ENERGY STAR Score of 80 or higher during the preceding year.
- ENERGY STAR Certification during the preceding year.
- LEED Operations & Maintenance Certification for three out of five preceding years.

## Compliance Pathways, Continued

### Multifamily Prescriptive Upgrades

Qualifying multifamily residential properties constructed prior to 2006 with separately metered dwelling units must implement prescriptive measures but are not required to meet performance targets. The number of measures required varies by the property's age and climate zone.

### Exemptions & Provisions

#### New Construction

Properties occupied for fewer than five years are not subject to conservation requirements.

#### Other Conditions

Exemptions may be available for qualifying circumstances, including financial distress, low or no occupancy, scheduled demolition, interrupted utility service or ongoing renovation.

### Penalties & Enforcement

Failure to correct a notice of noncompliance may result in monthly fines of up to \$750 , \$1,000 or \$2,250, depending on building size.

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- [Building Performance Standards](#) – Track, monitor and streamline BPS compliance.
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