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Rules and Regulations
Governing
Green Building Requirements



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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT RULES GOVERNING
GREEN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS**

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.01 Authority.

These rules and regulations are adopted by the City and County of Denver’s Executive Director of the Department of Community Planning and Development pursuant to Article II of Chapter 12 (“Community Planning and Development” or “CPD”) of the Denver Revised Municipal Code of the City and County of Denver (“DRMC”) and by the City and County of Denver Board of Public Health and Environment promulgated by the Manager of the Department of Public Health and Environment (“DDPHE”) in accordance with the authority in Denver Charter Section 2.12.3. These rules and regulations are adopted for the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of Green Buildings, codified at Article XIII, Chapter 10 (Buildings and Building Regulations) of the DRMC (the “Green Buildings Ordinance”). These rules and regulations replace the City and County of Denver Community Planning and Development Department Rules Governing Green Roofs adopted on April 30, 2018, except for any project that is complying with the requirements of Article XIII, Chapter 10 of the DRMC as the article existed prior to the adoption of the Green Buildings Ordinance.

Section 1.02 Severability.

Should any section, clause, or provision of these regulations be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the regulations as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

Section 1.03 Definitions.

Terms or phrases specific to or introduced in this document are defined below and/or referenced to equivalent terms in the Green Buildings Ordinance. Terms or phrases not defined in this document but defined in the Denver Building and Fire Code, shall be given the defined meaning in the Denver Building and Fire Code.

Addition – An extension or increase in gross floor area or height of a building or structure. A connecting element of limited width as required by the International Building Code for a pedestrian walkway does not create an addition to a building.

Annual Benchmarking Report – The report provided each year to the Department of Public Health and Environment to meet the requirements of Chapter 4, Article V “ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS”.

Available Roof Space – The total roof area of a building excluding the following:

- (1) Private terraces no greater in area than the gross floor area of the abutting unit at the roof level;
- (2) Outdoor amenity spaces of buildings, including, but not limited to, areas for recreational or social use;