Summary of Proposed Updates to Green Buildings Ordinance (GBO)

1. Added definitions of all-electric property, ancillary roof construction, roof coating, roof repair
   • Purpose: coordinate with 2022 Denver Energy Code (all-electric property) and support added clarity included in edits regarding roof related work triggering GBO requirements

2. Added requirement that new building projects (excluding additions or alterations), complying with GBO requirements utilizing either the 12% improved energy efficiency or onsite green space plus 5% improved energy efficiency combination, be all-electric projects.
   • Purpose: support 2022 Denver Energy Code (DEC) encouragement of electrification / Denver community goals and ensure GBO path requirements add a layer of increased / improved performance above and beyond what is expected will be achieved on projects simply through meeting 2022 DEC mandatory requirements.

3. Added acceptable third-party certifications permitted for GBO compliance
   • Purpose: include additional vetted third-party certifications identified as achieving project performance and benefits equivalent to, or higher than, third party certifications already accepted under GBO provisions.

4. Added option to satisfy up to 25% of required onsite solar panel roof coverage through payment into the Green Building Fund, similar to existing allowance already included in the GBO applicable to onsite green space required.
   • Purpose: support project teams pursuing compliance utilizing the onsite solar panels who fall slightly short of being able to meet the full area coverage requirements.

5. Added exception from GBO compliance for ancillary roof construction work affecting up to 20% of total roof area
   • Purpose: enable work such as replacement of rooftop mechanical units that affects adjacent roofing to be completed without triggering GBO requirements, when the existing roof is otherwise in good condition and not being recovered or replaced.

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