

Austin, TX

Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure

Austin's ECAD (Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure) ordinance requires multifamily properties with five or more units and commercial buildings over 10,000 sq ft. to assess and report their energy performance. Multifamily properties must conduct energy audits every 10 years, while commercial buildings only need to benchmark and disclose energy use annually using ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager®. The program promotes energy efficiency, transparency and informed decision-making to support the city's climate goals.

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Covered Buildings

Buildings required to comply with the Audits and Disclosure ordinance include multifamily buildings that are 10,000 sq ft. or larger or have five or more residential units.

Compliance Pathways

Multifamily buildings of 10,000 sq. ft. or larger are required to have a qualified professional conduct an energy audit every ten years.

Exemptions & Provisions

Multifamily buildings may qualify from an exemption from the energy audit requirement if they meet any of the following conditions:

- The building is less than 10 years old.
- Comprehensive duct remediation work has been completed, or the HVAC system was replaced through participation in an Austin Electric Utility rebate program within 10 years before the audit deadline.

Exemptions & Provisions continued

- The HVAC equipment was replaced with units that meet Austin Electric Utility rebate program standards, even if the building did not participate in the program, within 10 years before the audit deadline.

Commercial buildings, although addressed in the ECAD ordinance, are not required to undergo the audit requirements.

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Yardi offers a comprehensive suite of energy solutions that simplify compliance, enhance operational efficiency, and reduce energy costs. Our offerings include:

- [Utility Invoice Processing](#) – Simplify the process of collecting and managing utility consumption data.
- [ENERGY STAR® Services](#) – Streamline benchmarking, verify whole-property data and achieve ENERGY STAR Certification for your properties.
- [Building Performance Standards](#) – Track and recover utility expenses with ease.
- [Energy Procurement](#) – Optimize energy costs and reduce carbon emissions.
- [Energy Efficiency](#) – Improve building energy performance with real-time data and timely alerts, detect HVAC system issues and reduce energy waste.

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