

Town of Huntington Suffolk County

§ 87-55.2 Energy Efficient Homes.

[Added 5-22-2007 by L.L. No. 24-2007; amended 6-11-2008 by L.L. No. 14-2008; 10-11-2011 by L.L. No. 26-2011]

(A)

Commencing on January 1, 2012 prior to the issuance of a building permit for the construction of a new one-family dwelling, the owner or applicant shall certify that the plans and specifications comply with the energy conservation requirements by submitting with the building permit application a New York State HERS compliance certificate issued by an independent certified **HERS** rater that is acceptable to the Director of Engineering Services, indicating that the building was designed to meet a **HERS** Index Rating of 70 or less as defined by the most current rating system promulgated by RESNET. Said certificate must indicate compliance with the most current version of the Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (ECCCNYS).

(B)

Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for a newly constructed one-family dwelling where the building permit was issued on or after January 1, 2012, the property owner or applicant shall produce a Home Energy Rating Certificate (HERC) from an independent certified RESNET rater acceptable to the Director of Engineering Services that the as-built structure achieves a **HERS Index** Rating of 70 or less and that the structure complies with the most current version of the Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State (ECCCNYS). The applicant shall also produce a certificate by an independent certified rater that the structure is in compliance with the most current Combustion Safety Standards promulgated by RESNET. Any Certificate of Occupancy issued shall indicate that the structure is in compliance with the Energy Efficient Home Standard.

(C)

Commencing on January 1, 2012, prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for a newly constructed one-family dwelling for which a building permit has been previously issued, the owner or applicant shall provide a Home Energy Rating Certificate (HERC) from an independent third party certified RESNET rater acceptable to the Director of Engineering Services. Any Certificate of Occupancy issued shall indicate that the structure is ESLH V.2 compliant.

(D)

The Director of Engineering Services may establish requirements for **HERS** raters practicing within the Town of Huntington as to the submission of proof regarding certification, insurance, experience, independence, and such other proof or disclosure as deemed advisable or necessary by the Director; and may maintain a list of approved raters that have provided the required information. The Director may establish rules and regulations to limit conflicts of interest in the **HERS** rating of buildings and structures. If an approved list is maintained by the Director, no **HERS** rater may provide the services required in this section unless the rater is on the approved list. **HERS** raters may be removed from the list of approved raters by the Director for cause and upon reasonable notice.