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Comments:

I'm originally from Delaware having spent most of my life growing up and running a business in Newark. I'm a certified passive house energy consultant and have worked on many Zero Energy projects around the US. I want to encourage or rather implore you to adopt the 2024 International Codes, as amended by the DNRC This would apply a clear path to meeting title 16 chapter 76 code. I would also like to address comments from the home builders associations with regards to the added cost for homebuyers. They are correct that the purchase price would go up, but what they don't say is overall monthly cost of ownership would go down. The department of energy as well as Rocky Mountain Institute and others report that the average cost increase of a code built home using 2018 IECC code to Zero Energy Ready for our climate zone 4 would be \$3,087. This would increase a 30 year mortgage annual payment by only \$110 including interest. These reports also indicate energy savings of \$321 annually thereby reducing the annual cost of home ownership. Thank you for allowing me to comment.