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Comments:

Delaware should adopt the 2024 IECC without amendments or appendices. Over a decade ago, Delaware set an ambitious goal: all new residential homes should be “net zero energy capable” by the end of 2025. While the term has never been clearly defined or studied in depth, adopting the base 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) with an Energy Rating Index (ERI) of 53 appears to meet the intent of that legislation—enabling homes to incorporate features over time to achieve net zero energy performance. Adopting the 2024 IECC as written, without amendments or appendices:

- Aligns with the legislative goal of net zero energy capable housing
- Ensures meaningful energy efficiency gains (new homes would use ~50% less energy than the average existing home)
- Helps preserve affordability and housing supply at a time when both are under threat
- Keeps Delaware among the national leaders in energy code adoption, with only one state currently having adopted the 2024 IECC