

City of San José, California

COUNCIL POLICY

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BACKGROUND

In February 2018, the City adopted Climate Smart San Jose which sets aggressive goals around electric vehicle adoption, solar installation, and zero net energy/carbon buildings. Municipal construction presents an opportunity for the City to incorporate these goals into its new building inventory.

PURPOSE

This policy establishes leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change by requiring all new municipal facilities to be constructed without natural gas infrastructure such as pipes, meters, appliances, and equipment. This policy supplements the City's existing Green Building Policy 8-13.

POLICY

All new municipal buildings will be designed and constructed without provisions for natural gas piping infrastructure. Exceptions to this policy are listed below. Project-specific exceptions to this Policy may be approved by the City Council.

All existing buildings that undergo major renovation, retrofit, or remodel will be evaluated for the elimination of natural gas infrastructure during the scoping and preliminary design process, with the goal of eliminating natural gas infrastructure where feasible, as determined by the Director of Public Works.

Exceptions to this Policy:

- Emergency or backup power equipment that is used in the event of power outages.
- Microgrids that provide energy resiliency in anticipation of extended blackouts or de-energization of the grid.
- City corporation yards and the Police Substation where vehicle fueling takes place
- Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport Central Utilities Plant, commercial concessions, and facilities that process, transport or store aviation and/or vehicle fuel.

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- San Jose – Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility which relies on blended biogas/natural gas to operate.

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