

**§3272. Purpose; activities**

**1. Purposes.** The purposes of the municipal energy commission may include the following:

A. To study and recommend energy policies to the municipal officers, body or board and to the planning board, if any; [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

B. To reduce energy consumption in the municipality by encouraging energy conservation and better energy management; [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

C. To promote efforts to increase community energy self-sufficiency through the development of safe, efficient and renewable energy resources; [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

D. To provide leadership and direction for local energy conservation education; [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

E. To work with other public and private organizations to secure funding and other resources for local energy projects and employment; [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

F. To coordinate their efforts with those of other local, regional and state organizations; and [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

G. To serve other purposes related to energy as specified by the municipality. [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

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**2. Activities.** The commission may undertake the following activities.

A. The commission may seek technical assistance from the Department of Economic and Community Development. That department shall notify local energy commissions, in writing, of plans and projects that may affect those commissions, if the commission so requests. [PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. DD, §34 (AMD).]

B. In conjunction with the planning board, if any, the commission may promote and conduct research, in furtherance of its purposes, in the following areas:

- (1) Public transportation;
- (2) Van pools and car pools;
- (3) Recycling;
- (4) Solar power;
- (5) Cogeneration;
- (6) Hydro-electric power;

(7) Energy audits;

(8) Energy conservation; and

(9) Other activities that will make the municipality more energy self-sufficient through the use of renewable energy resources. [PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §106 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD).]

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**3. Notice of formation; records, annual report.** The commission shall notify the Department of Economic and Community Development of its formation. The commission shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report to the municipality.

[PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8, 10 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. DD, §35 (AMD).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1987, c. 737, §§A2,C106 (NEW). PL 1989, c. 6 (AMD). PL 1989, c. 9, §2 (AMD). PL 1989, c. 104, §§C8,10 (AMD). PL 1989, c. 501, §§DD34,DD35 (AMD).

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