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Human Resources Director   
Executive Director AAB

FR: Commissioner

RE: Attached LN77M

DT: 12/11/11

**ACTION:**

Review and Respond to Commissioner

Prepare Response for Commissioner's Signature

Please Contact  At ( )

Respond to Sender Directly with Copy to Commissioner

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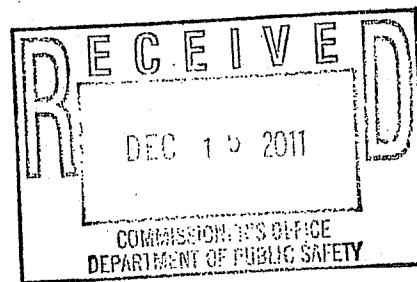
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ACTION COMPLETE CLOSE FILE

OTHER: PLEASE PASS ALONG TO THE BOARD

THX

DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO JEAN MCCARTHY AT EXTENSION 25210



**Environmental and Energy Services  
CITY OF BOSTON**

**THOMAS M. MENINO**  
Mayor

**JAMES W. HUNT, III**  
Chief of Environmental  
and Energy Services

December 9, 2011

Commissioner Thomas G. Gatzunis  
Department of Public Safety  
One Ashburton Place, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1301  
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Massachusetts Building Code – Code Amendment Proposal – Code Change Number 2011\_05\_08,  
Interior Lighting Power Allowances

Dear Commissioner Gatzunis:

The City of Boston strongly supports the proposed amendment to the Massachusetts Building Code, Code Change Number 2011\_05\_08, dealing with interior lighting power allowances, now before the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS).

In April 2010, Mayor Menino's Climate Action Leadership Committee—with representation from all sectors of the city, including real-estate developers and the building trades—delivered recommendations for Boston's new climate action plan. In recommending that the City adopt the Commonwealth's Stretch Energy Code, the Leadership Committee also recommended that the City:

- Work with the Commonwealth to eliminate disparities in energy standards and the stretch code that may disproportionately impact new construction and neglect opportunities for energy efficiency in renovations of existing buildings.

In the fall of 2010, the City Council considered and passed an ordinance adopting the Stretch Energy Code for the City of Boston. In public testimony, representatives of developers stated their support of adoption, but again raised their concerns about disproportionate impact.

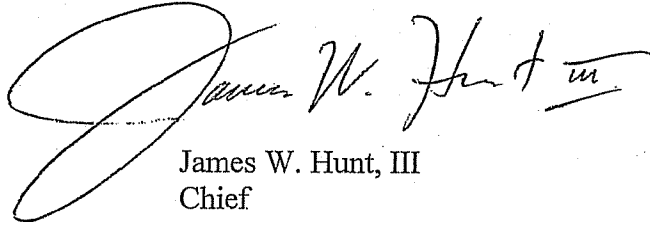
During discussions leading to the climate recommendations and to the City's adoption of the Stretch Energy Code, a strengthening of the building code's interior lighting standards was repeatedly identified as a measure that would both reduce the concern about disproportionate impact and in itself be a cost-effective action for reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. For these reasons,

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City staff worked with members of the Commonwealth's Department of Energy Resources to propose the building code amendment now under consideration by the BBRS.

I sincerely appreciate you taking the time to review this letter, and respectfully request the adoption of the interior lighting amendment Code Change Number 2011\_05\_08 to the Massachusetts Building Code.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Hunt, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a horizontal line underlining the name.

James W. Hunt, III  
Chief

Cc: Ian Finlayson, DOER  
Gary Moccia, ISD