

9th Edition Stretch Code Modeling Analysis

2000 sq.ft. 3 BR Family Townhome with Propane Heat
Worcester, MA



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Target	55
Example Base	58
Example Stretch	50

Incremental Costs and Benefits to Meet Stretch Code 0.32% of Total Construction Cost⁴

		COSTS	BENEFITS	NET	
BUILDER	Adjustments + HERS Rater Fee		Utility Rebates ¹	Cost Compared to Base Code	
		-\$2,411	+\$1,101		
HOMEBUYER	Change to Downpayment ³	Change to Annual Mortgage Payment ³	Estimated Reduced Energy Cost per Year ²	Year 1 Cash Flow	Year 2+ Cash Flow
	-\$131	-\$105	+\$421	+\$186	+\$317

1 – Incentives are determined using the Pay For Savings calculator. Savings compared to MA reference home.

PFS Incentive = \$0.50 * kWh savings + \$50 * MMBtu savings + \$4000 * 0.xx percent savings (single family home)

2 – Energy costs are based on \$0.25/kWh, \$1.21/therm, \$2.90/gal propane, \$2.88/gal oil. Savings are compared with Base Code home.

3 – 30-year mortgage assumes 10% down payment at 4% APR.

4 – NAHB New Contractor Built Median Cost Per Square Foot in North East US (2017) \$161.53



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Breakdown of Incremental Construction Costs to Meet Stretch Code

FEATURE	Base Code	Stretch Code	Construction Cost
HERS RATING	58	50	\$500
WINDOWS (U-VALUE/SHGC)	.30/.30	.27/.30	\$500
HEATING	95% propane furnace	96% propane furnace	\$295
COOLING	13 SEER	15 SEER	\$392
DHW	0.62 EF 40 Gallon tank Propane	0.96 EF Tankless Propane	\$724
DUCT LEAKAGE TO OUTSIDE	4 CFM25 / 100 CFA	<i>No change required</i>	\$0
AIR INFILTRATION	3.0 ACH50	<i>No change required</i>	\$0
HIGH EFFICACY LIGHTING	100% LED	<i>No change required</i>	\$0
FOUNDATION	Unconditioned, uninsulated basement	<i>No change required</i>	\$0
FLOOR	R38 fiberglass Grade 1	<i>No change required</i>	\$0
WALLS	R21 fiberglass Grade 1	<i>No change required</i>	\$0
CEILING – FLAT	R-50 blown in cellulose	<i>No change required</i>	\$0
TOTAL			\$2,411

