
	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE BUILDING SAFETY & SUSTAINABILITY	Number: 410.4
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1.0 PURPOSE:

This document provides for facilitation of *Green Building* permitting.

2.0 REVISION HISTORY:

New standard operating procedure.

3.0 PERSONS AFFECTED:

Green Building stakeholders and permitting staff.

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY:

Since *Green Building* is in the best interest of Pima County, it is deemed a priority to identify potential conflicts between sustainable practices and adopted code text or interpretation. In order to facilitate this identification process, it is requested that all such conflicts be brought to the attention of the Green Building Ombudsman prior to rejecting the project so as to coordinate facilitation. As such we will be able to leverage greater impact on mitigating conflicting interpretations or requirements.

5.0 DEFINITIONS:

Green Building shall be defined as construction striving to enhance or mitigate: functionality, energy and water efficiency, quality of indoor environment, waste management, air emissions, site disturbance, and storm water management. These projects shall be aligned with nationally recognized green building standards though they need not necessarily be certified under these programs.

6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:



It is the responsibility of all permitting staff to report potential conflicts between sustainable practices and adopted code to the Green Building Ombudsman.

7.0 PROCEDURES:

7.1 Public Service Staff

Upon client statement that the submitted project is a *Green Building*, Public Service staff shall enter a notice in the permitting system's L/H/N stating: "Green Building: contact ombudsman if code conflicts."

7.2 Permitting staff

Prior to rejecting or requesting corrections on a project for reasons which may pertain to code conflicts regarding a sustainable item, the reviewer is requested to contact the Green Building Ombudsman.