

2013 ARKANSAS ENERGY CODE

A market-based, consumer driven approach

Why this matters

CONSUMERS

Allows consumers to understand the long term operating costs of new homes



BUILDERS

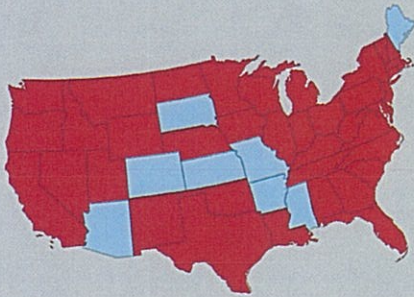
Protects investment in energy efficiency features

Provides most flexibility to builders



MUNICIPALITIES

Reduces burden on municipal code officials and local budgets



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States have a more stringent residential standard than Arkansas



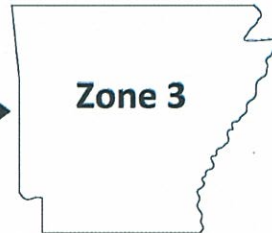
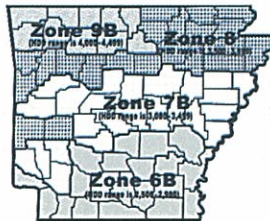
2 out of **3** of Arkansas support home energy labeling

Despite low energy prices, Arkansan's spend **5.1%** of median income on energy costs

The amount Arkansas homeowner's spend on energy is the **9th** highest in the nation

SIMPLICITY

Consolidates four climate zones to one



ADDED DISPOSABLE INCOME

Despite the increased construction cost, homeowners will immediately save \$155 annually in energy costs.

These savings amount to \$1.8 to \$4.3 million back into Arkansas's economy.

UTILITY COSTS

Risen 14% since 1990 **14%**

12% Projected to rise 12% by 2025

\$2,511
Energy Costs

46%

\$909
Homeowners Insurance

16%

AVERAGE HOMEOWNER COSTS

Energy costs exceed other costs used to determine mortgage affordability. This provides a mechanism that allows appraisers and lenders to justify adjustments that encourages investment in energy efficiency.

\$2,043
Property Tax

37%

Addresses long-standing issues and will increase rates of compliance across Arkansas without taxpayer dollars