



Clean Energy Choice Program

The City of San Luis Obispo has a long history of environmental protection and climate action. The City is currently developing local amendments to the 2019 California Building Code that would encourage all-electric new buildings. All-electric new buildings will be carbon free and avoid health and safety issues associated with burning fossil fuels.

The policy encourages all-electric buildings with incentives and minimal additional requirements and discourage the use of natural gas in buildings through extra requirements, including an obligation to offset new fossil fuel use. This will help to ensure that use of natural gas for water heating, space heating and cooling, and other uses does not increase in the City.

EXISTING BUILDINGS

Existing homes and businesses are unaffected. The City is working on

incentives

that will help pay for retrofits of older buildings to make them more efficient in the future.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

New developments wishing to use mixed-fuels, including natural gas, will be required to

offset

their carbon usage with a direct retrofit of an older building, or by paying an in-lieu fee to the City.

MAJOR CITY GOAL

Over the last four years, the community has identified

climate action

as a Major City Goal and has asked the City to prioritize the Climate Crisis by finding ways to save energy and reduce carbon emissions.

CLEAN ENERGY

Starting in January 2020, homes and business will begin receiving power from

Monterey Bay Community Power

It will purchase clean, carbon free electricity from renewable sources such as wind and solar.

