Comparison of U.S. Commercial Building Energy Benchmarking and Transparency Policies

October 2025



Note: Government abbreviated as "Gov't"; Multifamily abbreviated as "MF"; Commercial abbreviated as "Comm"

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CA	2015	49,500	4 billion	No	Comm ≥ 50,000, MF ≥ 50,000 and 17 or more residential utility accounts	June 1, Annual	After June 1, Annual	Y	The Commission has the authority to institute civil fines of up to \$2,000 for non-compliance, after allowing a 30-day period to correct a violation.	Yes
СО	2021	8,800	1.2 billion	Yes	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 50,000	June 1, 2025. November 1 annually, starting in 2026 with 2025 benchmarking year data.	Annual, Date TBD Time of sale or lease	N	A building owner who fails to submit a benchmarking report, waiver request, or the corresponding fee (\$100/building by June 1), will be considered non-compliant and subject to civil penalties of \$500 for the first violation and \$2,000 for each subsequent	Yes
MA	2022	34,300	2.8 billion	-	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 20,000	June 30, Annual	October 31, Annual	Y	If a distribution company or municipal utility fails to provide energy usage data for one or more covered buildings within 90 days of the issuance of a written notification, the Department may issue a fine of up to \$150 per covered building per day of non	-
MD	2022	13,400	1.1 billion	<u>Yes</u>	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 35,000	June 1, Annual	Time of sale	N	N/A	-
MN	2023	7,400	1 billion	-	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 50,000	June 1 Annual	December 1, Annual.	N	\$1,000 ; may adjust with inflation	-
NJ	2018	1,3000	1,301,948,493	Yes	Comm & MF ≥ 25,000	July 1, Annual	N/A	Y	Compliance with benchmarking considered prerequisite for participation in any of the NJ Board of Public Utility programs, as well as utility energy efficiency programs.	-
<u>OR</u>	2023	-	-	-	"Comm ≥ 20,000 MF & Public/Gov't ≥ 35,00"	"Tier 1 Buildings - June 1, Annual Tier 2 Buildings - July 1, 2028 and each year after"	-	N	\$5,000 plus continuing violation which may not exceed a daily amount of \$1/yr/sf ft	-

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WA	2009	2,8000	2.7 billion	No	"MF & Comm ≥ 20,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,00"	June 1, Annual	July 1, Annual	N	The building owner will be assessed the maximum penalty of \$5000 plus a daily amount equal to \$1.00 per square foot of gross floor area per year not to exceed a value greater than eighteen months of accrued penalty. Penalties are assessed for each compliance period.	-
Ann Arbor, MI	2021	600	46	Yes	"MF & Comm ≥ 20,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,00"	June 1, Annual	December 1, Annual	Y	Failure to report or carries a maximum fine of \$500 for the first offense, and a maximum fine of \$1000 for each additional offense, plus the costs of prosecution. Knowingly reporting false information carries a maximum fine of \$500.	Yes
Aspen, CO	2022	400	5,663,952	Yes	"All Public/Gov't Comm ≥ 5,000 MF ≥ 15,000"	June 1, Annual	January 30, Annual	Y	\$100 first offence, \$200 second, court appearance and court set fines thereafter.	Yes
Atlanta, GA	2015	2,400	350	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 25,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000"	June 1, Annual	September 1, Annual	Y	Failure to report will be noticed with a written warning (first violation); if not reported in the ensuing 30 days, a fine of \$1000 is imposed. Each year of non-compliance is considered a separate violation.	Yes
Austin, TX	2008	4,500	454	No	"Comm & MF ≥ 10,000 All single family"	June 1, Annual	Time of transaction	N	Non-compliance carries a fine up to \$500. Acting with criminal negligence carries a fine up to \$2,000.	Yes
Bedford, NY	2024	-	-	No	All buildings with ≥ 2 residential units	The initial benchmarking shall occur not later than the required completion date as set by the Town of Bedford after registration of the Residential Rental Property, or 3 years after this Chapter is re-enacted, whichever comes first.	September 1, Annual	Y	Maximum fee of \$5,000, imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both a fee and imprisonment. Each day a violation continues shall count as a separate offense.	No
Berkeley, CA	2015	600	23 million	Yes	"Comm & Public/Gov't ≥ 15,000 MF ≥ 5 units or 15,000 All Single Family"	July 1, Annual	N/A	Y	The instances for non-compliance will result in a fine of \$100 per violation, per day and may increase with subsequent citations to \$200 per violation, per day or \$500 per violation, per day. If sale occurs, fines are still attributed to owner they were levied against.	Yes

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Boston, MA	2014	5,600	360	Yes	"Comm ≥ 35,000 MF ≥ 35,000/35 units All Public/Gov't"	May 15, Annual	Oct 1, Annual	Y	 Failure to report benchmarking within 30 days of notice shall be subject to: A fine of \$300 a day for non-residential buildings ≥ 35,000 sq. ft. or a parcel of buildings ≥ 100,000 sq. ft. and for residential buildings ≥ 35 units or 35,000 sq. ft. a fine of \$150 a day for non-residential buildings ≥ 20,000 sq. ft. but < 35,000 sq. ft. and residential buildings with ≥ 15 units or 35,000 sq. ft. In the case the information is found to be inaccurate, the owner shall be subject to a fine between \$1000 to \$5000. City buildings are exempt from penalties. 	Yes
Boulder, CO	2015	500	26 million	Yes	"Comm ≥ 20,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 5,000 "	N/A	June 1, the following year	Y	Non-compliance results in a civil penalty of \$0.0025 per square foot per day, not to exceed \$1,000 per day.	Yes
Brisbane, CA	2019	100	6.6 million	Yes	"MF & Comm ≥ 10,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 2,000 "	May 15, Annual	May 15, Annual	Y	A violation may be subject to a fine of up to \$500 for each day the violation continues.	Yes
Burlington, <u>V</u> T	2024	-	-	No	Comm ≥ 50,000	N/A	N/A	N	A covered building that fails to begin the process of energy benchmarking or provide the required data is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 per violation per day. A fine may be delayed by up to 6 months if a covered building faces unique circumstances and an undue burden in seeking to comply.	-
Cambridge, MA	2014	1,300	86	Yes	"Comm ≥ 25,000 sq ft, MF ≥ 25,000 sq ft and 55 units, Public/Gov't ≥ 10,00"	May 1, Annual	December 31, Annual	Y	First violations will result in a written warning, and any subsequent violations carry a fine of up to \$300.	Yes
Chelsea, MA	2022	300	23,749,348	-	Comm & MF ≥ 20,000, MF ≥20 units	June 30, Annual	October 1, Annual	Y	Failure to report benchmarking requirements will result in a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$150 for the second offense, \$300 for the third offense, as enforced by building inspectors.	-
Chicago, IL	2013	3,500	900 million	Yes	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 50,000	June 1, Annual	After June 1, Annual	N	A violation may be subject to a fine of up to \$100 for the first violation and an additional fine up to \$25 for each day the violation continues.	Yes
Chula Vista, CA	2021	650	23	No	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 20,000	May 20, Annual	N/A	N	Monetary fines may be levied on a per-incident basis, dependent on the size of the property out of compliance. 20,000-49,999 sq. ft up to \$750 per incident 50,000-99,999 sq. ft up to \$1,500 per incident 100,000+ sq. ft up to \$2,250 per incideent	Yes

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<u>Clayton,</u> <u>MO</u>	2025	60	-	No	"Comm & MF ≥ 100,000, Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000"	April 1, 2027 and annual- ly thereafter	N/A	N	Any violations to this ordinance shall result in a fine of not more than \$1,000 or be punished by imprisonment in jail for no more than 90 days, or a punishment of both fine and imprisonment. Each day of violation counts as a separate offense.	-
Columbus, OH	2020	800	412	No	"Comm & MF ≥ 50,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 25,000"	June 1, Annual	After June 1, Annual	Y	If benchmarking is not reported within 30 days after the deadline, a written notice is issued. 60 days after a written notice, the owner will be subject to fees and penalties of up to \$1000 per day of non-compliance.	Yes
Denver, CO	2017	3,000	375	Yes	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 25,000	June 1st	N/A	N	\$2,000 per year benchmarking data is not submitted, data errors aren't fixed, or reporting inaccurate information.	Yes
Des Moines, IA	2019	800	-	Yes	"Commercial & Public/Gov't ≥ 25,000 MF ≥ 25,000 & 5 units"	July 1, Annual	December 31, Annual	Y	The City of Des Moines will not be assessing any penalties for properties who are not in compliance with this ordinance.	Yes
<u>Detroit,</u> <u>MI</u>	2023	-	-	No	"MF & Comm ≥ 25,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000"	June 1, Annual	For buildings 100,000 square feet or larger Octo- ber 1st, 2025; For buildings 25,000 square feet or larg- er, October 1st, 2026	Y	Fine of up to \$10,000, per violation, with each day of non-compliance counting as a separate violation.	-
Edina, MN	2019	300	28,525,257	Yes	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 25,000	June 1, Annual	August 30, Annual	Y	Building owners will receive a written warning indicating why the building is noncompliant. The building owner has 45 business days to meet compliance or the city has cause for the denial, suspension, revocation or refusal to issue any applicable business	Yes
Evanston, IL	2016	600	46	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 20,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000"	June 30, Annual	N/A	Y	\$100 per month of non-compliance 20 days after written notice of violation.	Yes
Fort Collins, CO	2018	1,400	38	Yes	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 5,000	June1, Annual	Annual	Y	Failure to report will result in a notice of need to comply 30 days within the deadline. If failure to report continues, a notice of violation will be issued with a fine of \$3,000 for each year of non-compliance.	Yes
Honolulu, HI	2022	1,600	151	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 25,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000"	June 30, Annual	October 30th	Y	Fine up to \$1000 for failure to comply within the first 60 days of mailing of the notice of violation. An additional \$100 per day for each day the initial or updated benchmarking information is not reported to the department, with civil fines not to exceed a total of \$5,000 per facility per reporting year.	Yes
Indianapolis, IN	2021	2,000	292.5 million	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 50,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 25,000"	June 1, Annual	Annually starting December 1st, 2025	Y	Failure to make benchmarking submission first offence = \$100 Failure to make benchmarking submission second offense = \$250 Penalties for non-compliance do not take effect until January 1st, 2026.	No

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Kansas City, MO	2015	1,400	400 million	No	"Comm & MF ≥ 50,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000"	May 1, Annual	September 1, Annual	Y	In the case of failure to report benchmarking, a written notice will be issued. If benchmarking information is not reported within 60 days of the written notice will be a violation and will result in a fine no less than \$50 but not more than \$500. For continued violation, each additional day will be considered a separate offense. Fines would not exceed \$2,000 annually.	Yes
Lexington, MA	2022	-	-	-	Comm & MF ≥ 25,000, All Public/Gov't	May 15, Annual	October 1, Annual	Y	\$300 per violation	Yes
Los Angeles CA	2016	14,000	900 million	No	Comm & MF ≥ 20,000 Public/ Gov't ≥ 7,500	Jun 1, Annual	After Jun 1, Annual	Y	Failure to comply will result in a non-compliance fee of \$202. This fee is subject to a 250% late charge/collection fee after 30 days, and after 60 days will be subject to a 12% interest accrual.	Yes
Madison, WI	2023	800	66	-	Comm ≥ 25,000	N/A	N/A	N	\$1,000 per 90 days of non-compliance.	-
Miami, FL	2021	1,600	350	No	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 20,000	Jun 30, Annual	December 1, Annual	Y	Failure to report benchmarking or reporting inaccurate benchmarking may result in a fine of \$250 per day for a first time offense or \$500 per day for a repeat violation.	Yes
<u>Milwaukee,</u> <u>Wl</u>	2024	800	107 million	Yes	Comm & MF ≥ 50,000, Public/ Gov't ≥ 10,000	June 30, 2026 and annually after	September 1, Annual	N	Failure to comply with the benchmarking requirements shall be subject to a fine of \$1000 each 90 days of non-compliance. Falsifying data will result in fines of \$4,500 for the first violation, and \$6,500 for each subsequent violation.	-
Minneapolis, MN	2013	900	169	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 50,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 25,000"	June 1, Annual	Aug 31, Annual	Y	Information on penalties for non-compliance differ based on which source it comes from. The below are the penalties outlined in the municipal code. Failure to benchmark shall result in a warning notice. Failure to comply within 45 days of written notice may be considered good cause for the denial, suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue a rental license, certificate of commercial building registration, or business license.	Yes
Montgomery County, MD	2014	1,900	237	Yes	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 25,000	June 1, Annual	Oct 1, Annual	N	Failure to report is considered a Class A Violation. Class A civil violations are penalized with a \$500 fine for the initial offense, and additional \$750 fines for repeat offenses.	Yes
<u>New Orleans,</u> <u>LA</u>	2025	1,500	-	No	Comm & MF ≥ 20,000, All Public/Gov't	May 31, Annual	December 1, Annual	N	Failure to comply with the benchmarking requirement may result in fines between \$1,000 and \$3,000. Penalties will be waived in the first year a property is required to comply.	-

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Newton, MA	2024	400	25	<u>Yes</u>	Commercial & Public/Gov't ≥ 20,000	September 15, Annual	November 30, Annual	N	Any violation to this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of \$300 per day for each day the violation continues.	-
New York City, NY	2009	27,000	3.4 billion	<u>Yes</u>	Comm & MF ≥ 25,000	June 30, Annual	September 1, Annual	Y	Failure to comply with benchmarking may result in a Notice of Violation by the Department; failure to submit by the June 30th deadline results in a penalty of \$500. Continued failure to report by the next quarterly deadline may result in additional violat	<u>Yes</u>
Oak Park, IL	2023	1,000	-	-	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000	December 31	Annual	Y	Fine between \$20 and \$750 per day. Each day of non-compliance counts as a separate offence.	Yes
Orlando, FL	2016	800	122	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 50,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000"	May 1, Annual	September 1, Annual	Y	Properties that fail to comply will be notified by the city and publicly listed as non-compliant.	Yes
Philadelphia, PA	2013	2,900	400	No	"Comm & MF ≥ 50,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000"	June 30, Annual	After June 30, Annual	Y	Failure to report shall be subject to a fine of three hundred dollars \$300 during the first 30 days following the compliance date. Each day that the failure to comply following the initial 30 days shall constitute a separate violation, subject to a fine of \$100 per day.	-
Pittsburgh, PA	2016	900	164 million	Yes	"Comm ≥ 50,000 All Public/Gov't"	N/A	After June 1, Annual	Y	Covered buildings that do not comply with benchmarking requirements will be publicly listed as being non-compliant on the city website.	Yes
Portland, ME	2016	600	42	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 20,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 5,000 "	N/A	Sep 1, Annual	Y	Failure to comply shall result in a written warning on first violation, and any subsequent or ongoing violations will be subject to a fine of \$20 per day.	Yes
Portland, OR	2015	1,100	98	No	Comm ≥ 20,000	N/A	Octber 1, Annual	N	Failure to report benchmarking requirements or reporting inaccurate information shall be subject to a written notice on first violation, and a civil penalty of up to \$500 per 90 day period during which the violation continues.	Yes
<u>Providence,</u> <u>Rl</u>	2023	400	-	-	Comm & MF ≥ 20,000 Public/ Gov't ≥ 10,000	May 25, Annual	October 15, Annual	N	First violation - written warning Second and subsequent violation: Covered properties ≥ 50,000 sq ft - \$40 per day to a maximum of \$4,000 per year Covered properties ≥ 20,000 sq ft - \$30 per day to a maximum of \$3,000 per year	-

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Reno, NV	2019	300	47	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 30,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,00"	April 1, Annual	Annual	Y	Failure to report, or submitting incomplete or inaccurate information will result in a written notice. Failure to correct within 30 days of written notice may result in notice of violation and penalty of up to \$100. Failure to correct within 30 days of first violation may result in a second violation and penalty of \$250. Failure to correct within 30 days of second violation may result in a fine of up to \$500.	Yes
Salt Lake City, UT	2017	800	82	No	"Comm ≥ 25,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 3,000"	N/A	September 1, Annually	N	The Director may issue up to 3 written notices of noncompliance to the owner, allowing owner to cure such noncompliance within 90 days after each notice of violation. After the third written notice of violation, the Director may impose a fine of up to \$500.00 per violation thereafter not exceeding a total of \$1,000 annually.	No
San Diego, CA	2019	2,100	337	Yes	"Comm & Public/Gov't ≥ 50,000 MF ≥ 50,000 and 17+ residential utility accounts"	June 1, Annual	After June 1, Annual	Y	Failure to comply may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor, subject to a fine not more than \$1000 or imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both.	Yes
San Francisco, CA	2011	2,600	308	Yes	"Comm & Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000 MF ≥ 50,000"	May 1, Annual	After April 1, Annual	N	Failure to submit a report for 30 days after the deadline will result in a written warning. If no report is filed within 45 days of written violation, then: buildings ≥ 50,000 sq. ft. shall be fined up to \$100 a day for up to 25 days in a year. Buildings < 49,999 sq. ft. shall be fined up to \$50 per day for up to 25 days in a year.	Yes
San Jose, CA	2018	1,800	190	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 20,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 15,000"	May 1, Annual	After May 1, Annual	Y	Buildings ≤ 50,000 sq. ft. may be fined \$25 for each day of noncompliance, up to \$2,500 per calendar year. Buildings ≥ 50,000 sq. ft. may be fined \$50 for each day of noncompliance, up to \$5,000 per calendar year.	<u>Yes</u>
Seattle WA	2010	4,100	397	No	Comm & MF ≥ 20,000	June 1, Annual	After November 1, Annual	N	Noncompliance fines for reporting year will be streamlined into a single Notice of Violation issued 90 days after the June 1st reporting deadline in place of quarterly accruing fines. Fines for properties between 20,000 and 50,000 sq. ft. will be \$2,000; Fines for properties greater than 50,000 sq. ft. will be \$4,000.	Yes

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St. Louis MO	2017	1,000	120	Yes	Comm, MF, & Public/Gov't ≥ 50,000	May 1, Annual	December 1, Annual	Y	Failure to comply shall result in a written warning. If benchmarking is not reported within 60 days of the issuance of written warning, it will be considered an offense and punishable via fine of not less than \$50 but not more than \$200. Each day of violation is considered a separate offense. No cumulative fine should exceed \$1000 annually.	Yes	
Washington DC	2008	5,800	493	Yes	"Comm & MF ≥ 25,000 Public/Gov't ≥ 10,000"	May 1, Annual	May 1, Annual	Y	Failure to comply will result in a warning notice issued by the DOEE. Failure to provide updated data may lead to the issuance of a fun up to \$100 per day of non-compliance.	Yes	