



City of Tucson Adopts Regional Green Building Program!!



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- **The City of Tucson Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 21369 on August 5, 2009 and became the second jurisdiction and first City in Pima County to adopt a Voluntary Green Building Program.**
 - The action by Mayor and Council culminates a year long study of green building rating systems. The conclusion of the study is that the existing Regional Residential Green Building Rating system, with a few modifications, is the best green rating system for the City. In adopting the resolution Mayor and Council stressed the regional climatic nature of the program and cooperation with other jurisdictions.
 - The regional residential green building program will be offered by the City's Development Services Department to the builders and homeowners of new homes being constructed in the City.
 - The existing Regional Residential Green Building Rating system was developed by Pima County and a stakeholder group in 2007 and launched in May 2008.
 - Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA) was part of the original Stakeholder group and supported the City's adoption of the program. "We fully support a regional voluntary green building standard as a way for the public to know when a home is truly more sustainable." Said David Godlewski, SAHBA Government Affairs Director. "A regional system will provide consistent high standards and help home buyers compare value, not claims." Godlewski stated.
 - Pima County adopted the version of the Regional Residential Green Building modified by the City on August 6th. "We think the City's study process and resulting modifications make the Regional Program even better" said Rich Franz-Ünder, "and we are excited about a truly regional program that gives home buyers a clear choice for energy efficient, water saving, healthy homes."
- **Pima County Continues to LEED® the way.**
 - In May 2008, Pima County launched the Regional Residential Green Building Program. Pima County is also the only government jurisdiction authorized to review and inspect homes, apartments, assisted living facilities for LEED for Homes certification.
 - There are 487 homes and multi-family units in the Regional Program
 - There are 160 homes and multi-family units in the LEED for Homes program
 - LEED for Homes is a third-party certification system for high-performance green homes. Developed and administered by USGBC, LEED for Homes awards points to projects in seven categories of environmental performance: Location & Linkages, Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Indoor Environmental Quality, Energy & Atmosphere, Homeowner Awareness, and Innovation and Design. To date, more than 540 homes have been LEED-certified, and over 13,000 have been registered and are under development. For more information, visit www.thegreenhomeguide.org.