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CITY OF NEWARK, DELAWARE PLACES ITSELF AT THE FOREFRONT OF COMMUNITIES STRIVING FOR A GREEN FUTURE

Newark, DE (November 22, 2010) – At its November 8, 2010 meeting, the City of Newark, Delaware’s Mayor and Council unanimously approved a Planning and Development Department and Newark citizen’s Conservation Advisory Commission drafted set of amendments to the City’s Building Code that will require all new major subdivisions to meet mandatory energy conservation standards derived from portions of the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Program of the United States Green Building Council. Major subdivisions – commercial and industrial projects with buildings 20,000 square feet or larger and residential subdivisions with six or more dwelling units – will be required to meet new energy efficiency and related standards above and beyond those called for in the City’s Building Code. These new standards will be mandatory for all new major subdivision construction. The City’s existing voluntary LEED Program, which will continue, provides for residential density and commercial square footage bonuses based on LEED certification.

By adding new conservation specifications to the City’s local Building Code, Newark will help ensure that reasonable energy conservation building standards apply to new construction in the City. The City’s adoption of updated Building Code requirements, utilizing aspects of the LEED Program, places Newark in the forefront nationally of communities striving for a green future.

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