



# Austin's Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure Ordinance



# Energy Efficiency Upgrades Task Force

- 12-18 months
  - Multiple stakeholders
  - Recommendations to City Council
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# Final Language

- Mandatory energy audit at point of sale or point of lease for residential and commercial buildings (including multi-family)
  - Audit only required on houses/buildings 10 years or older that have not had an audit
  - No mandatory upgrades
  - Message: Mortgage (or rent) = mortgage/rent payment + utility bills
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# Conclusions

- Ordinance was passed in 2008 and went into effect June 1, 2009
- At the time of effect, only 15 people qualified as energy auditors for the entire Austin Energy service area
- Austin Community College partnered with the City to create a continuing education program to train and certify energy auditors
- The ordinance allows consumers to understand their energy use and creates jobs that remain in the community

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