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NOTICE OF MOTION

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RE: SUPPORTING HOUSEHOLD ENERGY EFFICIENCY
Councillor Pincott

WHEREAS, residents of Calgary currently have the opportunity to increase the energy efficiency of their homes with the help of the Province of Alberta Energy Efficiency Rebate programs;

AND WHEREAS, Calgary Planning and Development is facing increased pressure to accommodate the resulting building permits within the current framework;

AND WHEREAS, the least disrupting and most economic method for a homeowner to add insulation is often when it can be added from the exterior of the building;

AND WHEREAS, a large portion of our housing stock was built at a time when current energy efficiency benefits were not taken into consideration;

AND WHEREAS, many single family and semi-detached homes are near the maximum parcel coverage available under Calgary's Land Use Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS, best practices in building science currently embraces increased insulation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to:

- a. Develop a standalone permit application process, including a proposed fee structure, pertaining to adding insulation to buildings designated as low density residential to remove excess burden on the planning department, and;
- b. explore permitting lot coverage to exceed the current maximum for existing homes to allow for additional exterior insulation, up to a maximum of 30 centimetres per side, so long as relevant building and safety codes are met;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration report back to Council, through the SPC on Planning and Urban Development, on the proposed changes no later than Q2, 2018.

Signature of Member(s) of Council