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## **UPDATED INFORMATION** **REGARDING ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (EBEWE) COMPLIANCE DEADLINES** **FOR "BENCHMARKING" AND "AUDITS AND RETRO-COMMISSIONING"**

**Dear Property Owner/Manager,**

The City of Los Angeles' first priority is the health and safety of its population and we realize that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges in complying with some deadlines. Please be assured the City has taken steps which allow you to comply online with the Benchmarking requirements specified in Division 97, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC): You can register your building and pay fees (LADBS), obtain utility data (LADWP and SoCalGas), and submit your report (Energy Star Portfolio Manager). Compliance information is available at <https://ladbs.org/services/green-building-sustainability/existing-buildings-energy-water-efficiency-program>.

Based on "Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority – Tolling of Deadlines Prescribed in the LAMC" issued by Mayor Garcetti on March 21, 2020, building owners were notified that LADBS **suspended until further notice the Benchmarking of Calendar Year 2019** that was due June 1, 2020. We encourage you to use the online services mentioned above to comply with 2019, so that the City can make better informed decisions on developing programs to increase the efficiency of energy and water usage.

The **following EBEWE deadlines are not suspended at this time**, but if the above-referenced emergency order continues in 2021, they may also be suspended until further notice:

- **Benchmarking of Calendar Year 2020** is due June 1, 2021.
- **Audits and Retro-Commissioning (A/RCx)** compliance deadlines set forth in Table 9708.2 of the LAMC were revised by Ordinance 186789 (effective 11/11/2020), so that they are now based on the last digit of the LADBS Building ID (BID) rather than the Assessor Identification Number ("AIN" also commonly known as APN). The first A/RCx reports that **will be due by the end of December 2021, are BIDs that end in 0 (zero) or 1** which is approximately 13 months from the date of this notice.

In keeping with LAMC Section 91,9708.4, Notification, the Department will provide at least a six-month notice prior to the compliance due dates. Please read the full text of the original ordinance and amendments at <https://www.ladbs.org/docs/default-source/forms/green-building/ebewe-ordinances.pdf>.

Situations continue to change due to the pandemic, so the Department will apprise you of any updates related to this letter by mail, email if we have it in our system, and/or our website (<https://ladbs.org/>). Please email questions you have regarding this correspondence at [ladbs.ebewe@lacity.org](mailto:ladbs.ebewe@lacity.org) and include "EBEWE" and your Building ID and Address on the subject line.

**Thank you**  
**EBEWE Team**