Scope of Ordinance No. 184674 as Amended by Ordinance 185198, effective 11/22/2017
(Los Angeles Municipal Code Division 97, Article 1, Chapter IX)

This Ordinance applies to buildings in the City of Los Angeles that meet one of the following criteria:

1. For buildings owned by the City with gross floor area of 7,500 square feet or more, the owner must complete and submit the initial benchmarking report on or before December 1, 2017, and annually no later than April 1st thereafter.

2. For a privately owned building or a building owned by a local agency of the State with gross floor area of 100,000 square feet or more, the owner must complete and submit the initial benchmarking report on or before December 1, 2017, and annually no later than April 1st thereafter.

3. For a privately owned building or a building owned by a local agency of the State with gross floor area of 50,000 square feet or more but less than 100,000 square feet, the owner must complete and submit the initial benchmarking report on or before April 1, 2018, and annually no later than April 1st thereafter.

4. For a privately owned building or a building owned by a local agency of the State with gross floor area greater than 20,000 square feet but less than 50,000 square feet, the owner must complete and submit the initial benchmarking report on or before April 1, 2019, and annually no later than April 1st thereafter.

EXCEPTION #1: This ordinance shall not apply to one and two family dwellings and related accessory structures; residential hotels as defined by the California Health and Safety Code Section 50519; broadcast antennas; vehicle charging stations; utility pumping stations; treatment facilities; sound stages; structures primarily used for the production and post-production of motion pictures and television, and similar uses; and other buildings not meeting the purpose of this ordinance, as determined by the Department of Building and Safety.

EXCEPTION #2: The owner of a building subject to this ordinance shall not be required to file a benchmarking report for a reporting year if any of the following conditions apply:

a. The building did not have a Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the entire calendar year required to be benchmarked;

b. The entire building was not occupied, due to renovation, for the entire calendar year required to be benchmarked;

c. The demolition permit for the entire building has been issued and demolition work has commenced on or before the date the benchmarking report is due for that calendar year;

d. The building did not receive energy or water services for the entire calendar year required to be benchmarked.

If you believe your building does not fall within the scope of the ordinance, or if the building meets one of the above exceptions, contact LADBS at (213) 482-0476 or email ladbsebewe@lacity.org for a determination.

For more information regarding compliance with this ordinance, including a link to the full document signed by City Council, please visit www.ladbs.org/ebewe.