

The higher the number the higher the ranking.

Highest rankings are in **BOLD**

Rank	Specifics	EPC member name
1	<p>The City supports efforts to protect Virginia’s participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the Virginia Clean Economy Act, and other legislation that has made advances in the areas of combatting climate change, promoting energy efficiency and encouraging clean energy investment.</p> <p>+Defending Clean Car standards +Prevent Governor Youngkin’s attempt to repeal legislation phasing out ICE vehicles in Virginia by 2035.</p>	
CAT 1: The City supports legislation in increase energy efficiency in existing buildings including:		
1.66	<p>Legislation to allow localities to require private building owners to benchmark energy and water usage using the EPA’s Energy Star Portfolio Manager, or similar benchmarking system, and report this information to their local jurisdiction annually for public disclosure;</p>	
2	<p>Legislation to expand current authority for localities to establish “green banks” to allow for regional clean energy financing authorities that promote or incentivize investment in clean energy technologies;</p>	
2.2	<p>Legislation to support innovative energy efficiency incentive and finance programs for residential dwellings, including condominiums.</p>	
CAT 2: The City supports legislation to strengthen Energy Conservation Building Codes for new buildings, including:		
1.44	<p>Legislation to reform the process of updating the Virginia Energy Conservation Code, including requiring the State to adopt the</p>	See IRA funding for building Code upgrades

	International Energy Conservation Code promptly when a new iteration is adopted by the International Code Council without weakening amendments;	
1.55	Legislation to afford localities the authority to adopt energy efficiency codes that are more stringent than the statewide building codes e.g AKA “stretch codes”	See IRA funding
CAT 3: The City supports legislation to encourage and achieve zero carbon energy in the Commonwealth, including:		
2.44	Legislation to increase the Virginia Clean Energy Act's Renewable Portfolio Standard targets to 60% by 2030, and 100% carbon-free electricity (renewables and nuclear) by 2035;	
3.125	Legislation placing a moratorium on the building of any new fossil fuel infrastructure in the Commonwealth;	
1.33	Legislation making community solar or community choice aggregation more accessible to all homeowners, including placing limits on “administrative” fees charged by utilities;	
2.88	Legislation authorizing a larger scale “microgrid” pilot program, to allow for “behind the meter” sharing of electricity between lower usage buildings and buildings with higher needs within a local development district or Small Area Plan.	
CAT 4: The City supports legislation to mitigate greenhouse gas emission impacts of the transportation sector and reduce inequalities in transportation and its air pollution, including:		
3.2	Appropriation of funds to the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program;	
1.77	Legislation and appropriations to provide direct incentives for zero carbon transportation methods, including ebikes and scooters	These incentives were cut out of the inflation reduction act.
2.22	Developing state-wide policies to reduce vehicle miles traveled, reducing emissions for ports, freight and local delivery trucks especially near vulnerable, overburdened populations;	

3.16	Support the electrification of school busses, while maintaining control over bus battery usage rather than granting control to a utility;	
3.57	Legislation to join the Transportation and Climate Initiative Program (TCI-P)	
*	Appropriation of funds supporting the construction of protected bike lane networks, which may also be used by individuals on scooters, and mobility-assistance devices	Al Clark
The City supports legislation to provide localities with the authority to regulate the use of commercial gas-powered leaf blowers, including their sale, time of use and/or prohibition of such use.		
Cat 5: The City supports changes to existing building codes and zoning laws to enable straightforward approval of zero-emissions buildings		Al Clark
4	Direct VA DHCD to require new developments to specify energy performance (e.g., energy use, blower-door test, indoor air quality) of new buildings.	Al Clark
3	Direct VA DHCD to develop standards permitting single-stair buildings up to five stories, for areas with professional highly-rated fire departments, with appropriate floor-area ratio limitations.	Al Clark
1	Abolish mandated minima statewide. Parking needs can be determined by market forces.	Al Clark
2	Permit localities to set maximum parking ratios in new developments.	Al Clark