

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AND**  
**MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING AND DEPUTY PREMIER**

*Building Act*

Ministerial Order No. M 157

I, Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier, order that the Building Act General Regulation, B.C. Reg. 131/2016, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix.

APR 06 2017



Date

Minister of Natural Gas Development and  
Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier

*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: *Building Act*, S.B.C. 2015, c. 2, s. 41

Other: M209/2016

March 20, 2017

R/176/2017/3

## APPENDIX

- 1** *The Building Act General Regulation, B.C. Reg. 131/2016, is amended by adding the following section to Part 1:*

### **Energy conservation unrestricted**

- 2.2** (1) In this section, “**local authority legislation**”, in respect of a local authority, means an enactment that authorizes the local authority to make bylaws or other enactments with respect to buildings and other structures.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the following matters are unrestricted for the purposes of section 5 (4) [*restrictions on local authority jurisdiction*] of the Act:
- (a) the conservation of energy;
  - (b) the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- (3) A local authority may enact, to the extent permitted by its local authority legislation, a local building requirement with respect to a matter referred to in subsection (2) subject to both of the following conditions:
- (a) the local building requirement may not require buildings within the jurisdiction of the local authority to be constructed except in conformance with a Step described in Article 9.36.6.3. or 10.2.3.3. of Division B of the building code;
  - (b) the local building requirement may not modify a requirement of, or impose requirements in addition to those set out in, Subsection 9.36.6. or 10.2.3. of Division B of the building code.
- 2** *The Schedule is amended in Tables 1 and 2 by striking out “building height” and substituting “building height”.*