

481—301.32(103A) Submission of projects.

301.32(1) *Approval of building code commissioner.* Approval of a construction project as sustainably designed pursuant to these rules may be granted only by the commissioner. All requests for approval of a project as sustainably designed must be submitted to the bureau at 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100, Des Moines, Iowa 50321.

301.32(2) *Building code approval.* No building construction project will be approved as a sustainably designed project pursuant to these rules unless construction plans for the project have been approved by the commissioner as meeting the state building code or by a local building department as meeting the applicable local building code.

301.32(3) *Projects subject to state building code.* If approval as a sustainably designed project is requested for a project that is otherwise subject to the state building code, approval may be requested by including a statement in the materials submitted pursuant to 481—Chapter 300 that approval for the project as sustainably designed is being requested.

301.32(4) *Projects subject to local building codes.* If approval from the commissioner is sought for a project that is subject to a local building code and code enforcement, approval may be sought by submitting construction plans to the bureau as provided in 481—Chapter 300, with a cover letter stating that approval of the project as a sustainably designed project is being requested and that the project has been submitted for review to the local building department. The commissioner will not issue approval of the project as a sustainably designed project until evidence of approval of the construction plans by the local building department are submitted to the bureau.

301.32(5) *Projects not otherwise subject to state or local building codes.* If approval as a sustainably designed project is sought for a building construction project that is otherwise not subject to the state building code or a local building code, approval may be sought by submitting construction plans for the project to the bureau as provided in 481—Chapter 300, with a cover letter stating that approval as a sustainably designed project is being requested and that the project is not subject to a local building code enforced by a local jurisdiction. The project will be subject to the state building code and to procedures and fees for review of construction plans and inspections as provided in 481—Chapter 300.

301.32(6) *Application form.* A completed application form prescribed by the commissioner shall be included with the submission of the construction plans for review of any project for which approval as a sustainably designed project is requested.

[ARC 9474C, IAB 8/6/25, effective 9/10/25; Editorial change: IAC Supplement 11/26/25]