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Administrative Update: Change to Building Tune-Ups Compliance

Effective Immediately

The City of Seattle is implementing an administrative change to the **Seattle Building Tune-Ups Program** to streamline compliance requirements and reduce administrative burden for building owners and operators given the overlap of the WA State Clean Building Performance Standard law.

New Compliance Pathway

The City has established a new compliance pathway. **Effective immediately, any building that has successfully complied with the Seattle Benchmarking Ordinance for the 2026 reporting year will be considered automatically compliant with the Building Tune-Ups Ordinance.** Check your compliance status via the Energy Benchmarking Compliance Lookup Tool. If your building has a compliance status of Not Submitted or Pending Revisions, further action is required to complete the compliance process in the new Seattle Building & Energy Portal.

Automatic Compliance Designation

To minimize administrative burden, the City will automatically identify and update compliance records for eligible buildings. Building owners are not required to submit additional documentation or take any further action if their building is compliant with the Benchmarking Ordinance for the 2026 reporting year. The City will send an email and letter to buildings confirming their compliance status.

Buildings that meet the 2026 Benchmarking requirements will be automatically marked as compliant with the Tune-Ups Ordinance.

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Applicability

This administrative change applies to **all Tune-Ups building cohorts**, regardless of their original Tune-Ups compliance deadline or reporting cycle.

Requirements for Buildings Not in Benchmarking Compliance

Buildings that are **not in compliance with the Benchmarking Ordinance for the 2026 reporting year** must complete and submit their Benchmarking reports through the **Building and Energy Portal before they will be deemed as compliant for Building Tune-Ups**. Additional information about the Portal can be found here: Seattle Building & Energy Portal - Environment | seattle.gov

Enforcement and Penalties

Building owners should be aware that buildings that remain **out of compliance with the Building Tune-Ups Ordinance** may be subject to enforcement actions, including applicable penalties as authorized by City ordinance.

The City encourages all building owners to verify their benchmarking compliance status and ensure that any required Benchmarking Reports are submitted promptly through the Building Energy Portal.

For questions regarding this change or Tune-Ups compliance requirements, please contact buildingtuneups@seattle.gov.