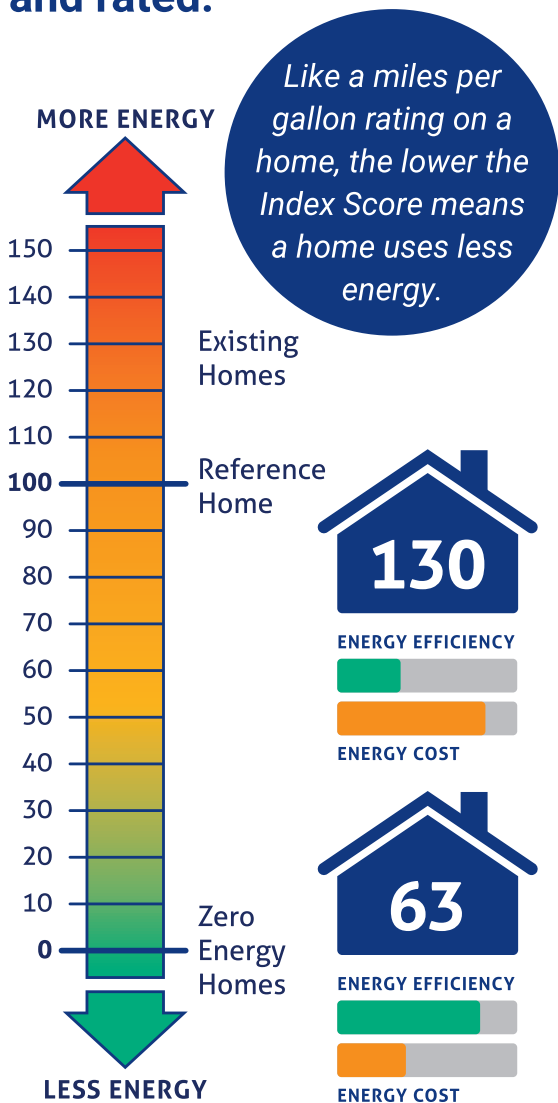# HERS® Index
For Energy Code Compliance

RESNET HERS® INDEX

The HERS® Index is the national standard by which a home's energy efficiency is inspected and rated.

Like a miles per gallon rating on a home, the lower the Index Score means a home uses less energy.

MORE ENERGY

150
140
130 — Existing Homes
120
110
100 — Reference Home
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0 — Zero Energy Homes

LESS ENERGY

130
ENERGY EFFICIENCY

ENERGY COST

63
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All HERS Ratings are stored in the RESNET® National Buildings Registry and subject to quality assurance.

30 percent of all single-family homes being built each year are already getting a HERS Rating by more than 2,500 certified professionals available across the U.S

The Benefits of Using the HERS Index as an Energy Code Compliance Method!

✓ Third-party certified compliance verification building performance professionals with stringent quality assurance oversight.

✓ Transparency through code officials access to database of HERS ratings 24/7 at no cost.

✓ Based on an accredited national consensus standard: ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301 that is recognized in the International Energy Conservation Code and by the U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency.

✓ Already being applied to such diverse states as Massachusetts and Texas.

✓ Allows builders flexibility in design while ensuring energy efficiency standards are met.

✓ Provides an easy path to net-zero energy by setting lower target scores into the future and giving builders time to plan for meeting higher levels of efficiency.

✓ Track estimated operational carbon emissions—every HERS Rating comes with a Carbon Index!

✓ Builders may be eligible for incentives like the 45L tax credit, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Green Mortgage-backed Securities programs and local utility program incentives.

✓ States and local jurisdictions can use HERS Rating data to track energy and carbon reduction goals.

✓ Builders can use HERS Rating data for environmental and sustainability reporting.

For more information on HERS data and energy codes, visit resnet.us/about/energy-code/