

Regulatory Exposure Brief

Building performance standards in professional sports markets — what applies to your venue now

Building performance standards are active law in five of the most important professional sports markets in the country. Penalties apply to sports venues the same as any other large commercial building — and they escalate annually.

The Five Active Markets

| Market / Standard | What You Need to Know |
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| New York City — Local Law 97 | Applies to buildings over 25,000 sq ft. Penalty: \$268 per metric ton of CO ₂ over the annual limit, assessed every year, no cap. Limits tighten approximately 40–50% in 2030. (Source: NYC DOB / NYC Accelerator) |
| Boston — BERDO 2.0 | Covers non-residential buildings 20,000 sq ft or larger. Alternative Compliance Payment: \$234 per metric ton over the limit. Daily fines up to \$1,000/day for emissions violations. Emissions compliance began 2025. (Source: City of Boston, boston.gov/berdo) |
| Denver — Building Performance Ordinance | Applies to large commercial buildings with escalating requirements through 2030. Ball Arena and Empower Field are both within Denver city limits. (Source: City and County of Denver, BPO) |
| Washington D.C. — BEPS | Building Energy Performance Standards with mandatory reporting and third-party verification. Capital One Arena and Nationals Park are both subject. (Source: DC Department of Energy & Environment) |
| Los Angeles / California — Title 24 | Most stringent statewide energy code in the U.S. Crypto.com Arena, Dodger Stadium, SoFi Stadium, and Angel Stadium all operate under state and local climate mandates. (Source: California Energy Commission) |

Five Questions Your Organization Should Be Able to Answer Today

- Is your venue covered by an active building performance standard — and at what threshold?
- What is your current emissions performance relative to the applicable limit?
- What is your estimated annual penalty exposure if you take no action in the next 12 months?
- Do you have the necessary policies, procedures, and controls in place for effective compliance and reporting?
- If you are not currently located in one of these markets, are you prepared if your jurisdiction implements building performance standards? If not, how long will it take you to get prepared?

If you cannot answer all five, your organization is accumulating exposure it has not yet quantified.

WHAT THIS BRIEF DOESN'T COVER

Your specific penalty exposure, compliance calendar, decarbonization pathway, and capital requirements are unique to your venue, market, and current performance.

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