

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENT

MAR. 14-15

BOMA International is hosting a Public Policy Symposium on Decarbonization at the St. Regis Hotel in Washington, D.C.

This is an opportunity to learn from and network with industry experts on Capitol Hill. You'll learn the tools needed to implement carbon reduction strategies and improve building performance while ensuring economic viability.

To learn more or register for the event, visit

www.boma.org/SYMPOSIUM



ENERGY BENCHMARKING

Did you know the BOMA Columbus Legislative Committee played an integral part in the roll out of energy benchmarking for the city of Columbus?

One of our initiatives is to encourage fair sustainability practices that do not adversely impact our industry. We are committed to advocating for the elimination of blanket mandates and working with our representatives on realistic strategies that affect real change.

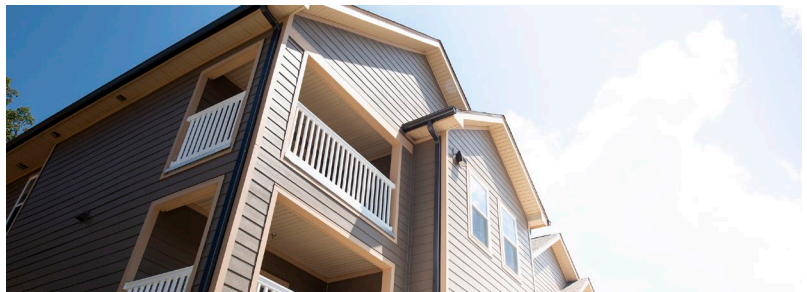
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WHAT'S NEW IN TELECOM?

New technologies with special care given to emergency phone lines for personal and business use were among the many factors considered by the FCC before issuing Order 10-72a1 in August 2019. The order, which went into effect this year, removed the burden of complying with two regulations passed in 1996 and allows certain telecom companies the opportunity to no longer service traditional ("POTS") phone lines. While there was no actual, "you *have* to stop servicing POTS lines" decree, there is an impact on those using this old technology. Telecom companies are no longer investing in the infrastructure for those lines nor in the training and development of engineers and technicians to provide service. How does that impact Building Owners and Managers? Across the country, there have been rising costs, some of them exorbitant (\$200-\$1200 per line), as well as longer wait times to restore service to the old copper landlines in the event of an outage. In many instances, telephone service providers won't repair downed lines, thus forcing the customer to find alternative solutions. So, while not necessarily a government mandate, landline replacement is very much a timely issue warranting attention, .

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Voters in Columbus approved the \$200 million bond package for affordable housing that will provide funding for affordable housing (with a 68% vote according to the Dispatch). As the population continues to grow and job opportunities expand in Central Ohio, construction of new homes and affordable housing is more important than ever before.