

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3846**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Manny Cruz*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the City of Salem to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>5/2/2023</i>

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By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3846) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction projects in said city. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act authorizing the City of Salem to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure in certain construction.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Consistent with Chapter 179, Section 84 of the Acts of 2022 An Act  
2 Driving Clean Energy And Offshore Wind and notwithstanding any general or special law or  
3 rule or regulation to the contrary, the city of Salem is authorized to adopt or amend general or  
4 zoning ordinances that require new building construction or major renovation projects, as  
5 defined by the city’s general or zoning ordinance, to be fossil fuel-free and enforce restrictions  
6 and prohibitions on new building construction and major renovation projects that are not fossil  
7 fuel-free, including through the withholding or conditioning of building permits.

8           SECTION 2. As used in this Act, the term “fossil-fuel-free” shall mean new building  
9 construction or major renovation that results in an entire building that does not utilize coal, oil,  
10 natural gas, other fuel hydrocarbons, or other fossil fuels in support of its operation after  
11 construction.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.