



'Green' is a go for Edmond safety center

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EDMOND — Protecting the environment will be a primary goal during construction of the public safety center if Edmond residents vote yes for it Nov. 4.

City council members have demanded that the 83,068-square-foot building be environmentally friendly and energy-efficient.

Consultant Philip McNayer, vice president of Frankfurt Short Bruza, said the building will be designed with the Leadership in Energy and Environment Design rating guidelines in mind.

LEED, as the rating system is called, encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria.

"A lot of this is common sense," said Jack Morgan, a senior design architect for Frankfurt Short Bruza. "For example — providing the client with all the windows possible."

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Other methods are to use low-flow fixtures to conserve water and use recyclable carpet backing and drywall.

Geothermal heating and air conditioning systems, like the one used at the city's Cross Timbers Municipal Complex, could be used in the new center that would be built at Kelly Avenue and Main Street.

Benton Howell, treasurer of Sustainable Edmond, said building the public safety center as green as possible is the only way to go.

Sustainable Edmond is part of a group of chapters across Oklahoma working to "green up" the state.

"We are already behind the time," he said.

