

Resolution Number 7753

A resolution adopting the Municipal Conservation & Climate Action Plan, which outlines the City's goal of carbon neutrality for its operations by 2025 and establishes a technical advisory team to advise and monitor progress on the plan.

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula has been engaged in energy conservation and climate action-related commitments, projects, work and planning for many years as part of municipal operations, and each step has been an important building block in a solid foundation of reducing energy consumption, saving money and contributing to a healthy, clean environment; and

WHEREAS, those activities include signing on to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; City Council adopting a resolution reducing fuel consumption by 10 percent; engaging The University of Montana to conduct a comprehensive greenhouse gas emissions inventory; and applying for and receiving federal Department of Energy--Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds for local projects; and

WHEREAS, this Municipal Conservation & Climate Action Plan is the culmination of these activities and will serve as the formal road map to maintain progress in the City's commitment to reducing energy and fuel consumption, practicing fiscal responsibility and being good stewards of natural resources, environment, economy, quality of life and community; and

WHEREAS, research for and drafting of the Municipal Conservation & Climate Action Plan is the result of dedicated work by staff and citizen experts appointed to a task force by Mayor John Engen in the spring of 2011, including members of the Mayor's Advisory Group on Climate Change and Sustainability as well as the City Council-related Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team; and

WHEREAS, the Plan outlines conservation and climate action strategies in three focus areas and offers complete information on them, including background, projected implementation costs, annual energy and dollar savings and avoided emissions where possible, all based on published research, case studies and best practices from established agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan sets a goal of carbon neutrality for municipal operations by 2025 using these strategies; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution includes formation of a technical advisory team comprised of eight members, four appointed by the Mayor and four appointed by the City Council from the Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team, to advise and monitor progress with an annual review; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for coordination of implementation of the Plan will rest with the City's energy conservation coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula City Council held a public hearing on the Plan on Jan. 28, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Missoula City Council hereby adopts the Municipal Conservation & Climate Action Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Martha L. Rehbein
Martha L. Rehbein, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:

/s/ John Engen
John Engen
Mayor

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