

COUNCIL RESOLUTION No.**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO REACH OUR GOAL OF BEING NET ZERO BUILDING ENERGY BY 2035.**

WHEREAS climate change is an existential crisis, posing one of the most serious threats to the existence of humanity and all species on the planet; a threat that intersects and compounds all other crises facing humanity and our earth; and

WHEREAS the 11th United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (“IPCC”) report from October 2018 states that we must cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 to limit devastating global warming and avoid a climate catastrophe; and

WHEREAS the United States and other leading economies recently agreed to the Global Methane Pledge to reduce Methane emissions 30 percent by 2030; and

WHEREAS the Milwaukie City Council has prioritized Climate Action as one of its two goals; and

WHEREAS the Milwaukie Climate Action Plan (CAP) requires the city to achieve Net Zero Building Energy by 2035; and

WHEREAS action regarding natural gas will be the biggest piece of that goal; and

WHEREAS other cities in the Pacific Northwest are beginning to tackle this issue and there is strength in numbers; and

WHEREAS thirteen years is a short timeline given all the work and investment required to meet this goal.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that the city attorney is directed to coordinate with other cities engaged in this effort and then schedule work sessions to discuss a path forward to make changes to the city code that would require all newly constructed residential, commercial, and industrial buildings to be electric only by February 5, 2024.

And be it Further Resolved that the Milwaukie City Council will amend its CAP to provide a roadmap for how the city can achieve decarbonization of existing residential, commercial, and industrial buildings by 2035 with consideration for how low income and historically marginalized households will be impacted, including strategies for existing rental housing stock.

And be it Further Resolved that the City Council directs the city manager to ensure that all newly constructed city-owned buildings and major renovations of existing city buildings that receive \$50,000 or more of city funding are all electric becoming effective July 2022.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **January 18, 2022**.

This resolution is effective immediately.

Mark F. Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

Justin D. Gericke, City Attorney