

RESOLUTION NO. 080754

Adopting the City's Climate Protection Plan Steering Committee's "Climate Protection Plan" and incorporating its findings and recommendations into City policy and operations.

WHEREAS, the City Council on August 16, 2006, adopted a resolution directing the City Manager to undertake a climate protection planning process for Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, an eleven-member Steering Committee of community leaders was appointed to oversee the planning process and work with City administration to develop a climate protection plan; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Protection Steering Committee submitted a "Progress Report on Climate Protection and Phase 1 Recommendations" that was unanimously approved by the Mayor and City Council on April 12, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Protection Steering Committee has prepared a "Climate Protection Plan" that will simultaneously reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve other high priority goals for the City, such as reducing stormwater runoff and improving stream water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Protection Plan Steering Committee has now submitted the complete plan, which includes both the recommendations from the Phase 1 planning effort and additional recommendations developed in Phase 2 of the planning effort; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. The City adopts the "Climate Protection Plan" developed by the City's Climate Protection Plan Steering Committee and the six work groups that provided recommendations regarding specific greenhouse gas reduction measures.

Section 2. The City adopts a policy that climate protection and greenhouse gas reduction should be key factors in all decisions and actions by the City.

Section 3. The City will strive to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from City government operations by 30% below year 2000 levels by the year 2020 and to reduce community-wide emissions in Kansas City, Missouri by 30% below year 2000 levels by 2020.

Section 4. The City's aspirational goal shall be to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below year 2000 levels by 2050 and focus our long-term outlook on being a climate-neutral Kansas City.

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Section 5. Greenhouse gas reduction measures in the “Climate Protection Plan” are adopted as a statement of intent and strategy to achieve the stated greenhouse gas reduction goals, while providing the City administration with flexibility to implement them in a timely and workable manner.

Section 6. The City’s Climate Protection Steering Committee will continue to serve as an ongoing oversight entity for implementation of the plan.

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