

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, EXPRESSING A COMMITMENT TO ENDEAVOR TO TRANSITION THE CITY TO 100 PERCENT (100%) RENEWABLE ENERGY AND COMMITTING TO APPOINT A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD TO DEVELOP AN OUTLINE FOR THE TRANSITION PROCESS.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Norman has been given a responsibility in trust through the public vote to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, including access to clean water and air, and the protection of their life, liberty, and property; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Environmental Control Advisory Board (ECAB) has recommended renewable energy as one factor of its overall plan for Norman's environmental sustainability, and the City Council has adopted this plan; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, clean energy sources such as wind and solar are now more affordable than fossil fuel sources; harvesting clean energy lacks the negative externalities associated with extraction, the risks of fossil fuel consumption now outweigh the benefits, and clean energy will reduce air and water pollution and associated public health risks, reduce the strain on public resources, and save citizens money; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, renewable energy strengthens national security through a reinforced power grid that utilizes both a macro and micro grid to create a system resilient to cyberattacks and weather disasters, and provides opportunity for the City to harvest its own power, and generate jobs, tax revenue, and energy security; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, renewable energy is one of the fastest growing employment sectors nationwide and presents tremendous economic opportunity for Norman to create local jobs in an emerging industry; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the adoption of clean energy increases economic security and prosperity for Norman residents, and strengthens sustainability through community rooftop solar to benefit people of color, indigenous communities, immigrants, refugees, as well as rural and economically disadvantaged residents who experience the impacts of pollution and climate change disproportionately; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, technological innovation is progressing rapidly, and could affect the Ready for 100 timeline, and the City of Norman, through the auspices of the Mayors' Climate Agreement Subcommittee of ECAB, will review these objectives annually to review and update as needed to reflect changes in variables, new technologies, or extreme weather events that may alter the course or timeline of these objectives. A progress report will be



published annually and provided to the public to measure transitions, progress and strategies going forward; and

§ 8. WHEREAS, twenty-five cities across the nation, including San Diego, Salt Lake City, and Chicago have made commitments to transition to 100 percent clean energy, and six U.S. Cities, including Aspen, CO, Burlington, VT, Greensburg, KS, Kodiak Island, AK, and Georgetown, TX have already hit their targets to generate 100% of the energy used community-wide from clean, non-polluting and renewable sources, and Norman strives to remain a leader among its peer cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 9. That the City of Norman is committed to strive to transition to 100 percent renewable energy in the form of wind, solar, energy efficiency measures and other renewable sources within the electricity sector by 2035, with an ultimate goal of all energy-use sectors including heating and transportation by 2050.

§10. That a Mayors’ Climate Agreement Subcommittee of ECAB will be formed to develop an outline for the transition process with the hope of completing it by January 1st, 2020. The Mayors’ Climate Agreement Subcommittee will determine the best way to meet the renewable energy goal through a transparent and inclusive process with stakeholders, which includes individuals representing areas such as: labor, faith, social justice, environmental justice, health, academic institutions, the utility sector, economic development, housing, low income advocates, and other relevant groups. The Subcommittee will create a system to track plausible policy measures to stay on target, distribute the burden, and meet our renewable energy goals as stated above in a timely manner.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk