

Proposed Energy and Carbon Goals Resolution

Fiscal Note No funds required.

Title: To update Carbon and Energy Goals in the Sustainable Madison Plan in response to changing science and technology around climate change, renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison (City) desires to formulate and implement an energy policy consistent with the environmental, economic and social aspirations articulated in the Madison Sustainability Plan;

WHEREAS, existing city of Madison carbon and energy goals were created before updated before the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, or COP 21, developed even more aggressive global targets that have since been ratified by the United States;

WHEREAS, the Common Council has directed the Sustainable Madison Committee to “Create a working group of the Sustainable Madison Committee that includes other community stakeholders to review the City’s climate change goals and update if needed”;

WHEREAS, the Energy and Carbon working group has received public testimony, consulted with experts and identified ambitious and common sense goals during five working group sessions from July through November 2016;

WHEREAS, the City of Madison aims to lead by example in the community whenever possible;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Madison that: The Sustainable Madison Plan must be updated to reflect scientific reality and community aspirations by establishing a 100% renewable energy goal and net-zero carbon emissions goal as the official energy and carbon goals of the city of Madison—replacing existing goals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Madison that: city administrators will develop a plan to achieve updated goals for City of Madison operations including anticipated dates for achieving updated goals, to be delivered to the Common Council no later than May 2017;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Madison that: city administrators will update the Common Council and general public on progress toward updated goals no less frequently than every two years from the date of adoption;