

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, ADOPTING THE CARBON NEUTRALITY PLAN

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Flagstaff City Council recognizes the threat climate change poses to Flagstaff's infrastructure, economy, public health, natural environment, community well being and the City's ability to deliver services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff has experienced significant damage from natural and human caused hazards such as flooding, wildfire, drought, resulting in loss of life and property, economic hardships, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, in March 2010, Flagstaff adopted Resolution 2010-16 which committed Flagstaff to increased energy efficiencies and renewable energy production and purchases for city facilities and properties; and

WHEREAS, in July 2011, Flagstaff launched its Municipal Sustainability Plan, which strove to increase energy efficiency and energy performance and reduce greenhouse gas emissions of municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, in June 2012, Flagstaff adopted the Resiliency and Preparedness Study, which commits to prioritizing and integrating resiliency throughout City decisions, operations, and processes; and

WHEREAS, in May 2014, Flagstaff voters ratified the Flagstaff Regional Plan, which establishes goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to expand production and use of renewable energy, and to proactively improve and maintain the region's air quality; and

WHEREAS, in February 2017, Flagstaff City Council established a goal to achieve a 100% renewable energy portfolio for municipal operations: and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, Flagstaff adopted a Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, which calls for a community-wide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 80% by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in response to community appeals, in June 2020, Flagstaff adopted Resolution 2020-09 endorsing a Declaration of a Climate Emergency for the City of Flagstaff, and requesting regional collaboration on an equitable transition and urgent mobilization effort to restore a safe climate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff will lead by example and take the necessary climate action to prepare the community for the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan sets three overarching goals:

- 1) Achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 - Flagstaff will arrive at carbon neutrality, also known as net-zero community greenhouse gas emissions, by 2030.

- 2) Prepare Flagstaff's communities, systems, and resources to be more resilient to climate change impacts.
- 3) Address climate change in a manner that prioritizes those most impacted and ensures the costs and benefits of climate adaptation and mitigation are equitably distributed.

ENACTMENTS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City of Flagstaff hereby adopts the Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: That the Mayor and City Council hereby commit to implementation of the strategies and actions detailed in the Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan to achieve its stated goals.

SECTION 3: The City of Flagstaff recognizes that climate change affects people differently. Vulnerable communities, including low-income families, communities of color, and the elderly, will face the greatest challenges from climate change. Equity and climate justice will be foundational elements of the Plan, to avoid harm to underserved groups and to ensure the benefits of climate action are distributed fairly.

SECTION 4: That the Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan outlines how the Flagstaff community will respond to the climate emergency. The path to carbon neutrality will require leadership, bold action, perseverance, and creativity. Each step closer to carbon neutrality offers hope for a healthy, prosperous, and equitable future for the Flagstaff community—and the world.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Flagstaff this 15th day of June, 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibits:
Carbon Neutrality Plan