

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, ADOPTING THE 2022 REVISIONS TO THE FLAGSTAFF 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, 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, in June 2021, the Flagstaff City Council adopted Resolution 2021-34, adopting the Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan and setting three overarching goals:

- 1) Achieve carbon neutrality 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; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 revisions to the Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan will consolidate the city's two climate documents and fully replace the 2018 Climate Action & Adaptation Plan with the Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan.

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 2022 revisions to 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

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This resolution shall be immediately effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Flagstaff this 6th day of December, 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibits:
Flagstaff Carbon Neutrality Plan – December 2022