

City of Oberlin, Ohio

RESOLUTION No. R13- 02 CMS

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R11-09 AND ADOPTING THE 2013 CITY OF OBERLIN CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, in 2001 the Oberlin City Council adopted Resolution R01-08 CMS adopting a Sustainability Policy for the City of Oberlin that adopted the following principles to guide elected officials and City staff in carrying out their duties:

First, the concept of sustainability will guide City policies and actions;

Second, the City will lead by example;

Third, the quality of the environment and the health of the economy are interdependent;

Fourth, community participation is fundamental to successful implementation of sustainability policies and programs; and

Fifth, local actions have regional, national and global implications; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the City of Oberlin joined ICLEI, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, and committed itself to achieving five milestones for climate protection:

Milestone 1 - Conduct a baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventory

Milestone 2 - Adopt an emissions reduction target

Milestone 3 - Develop a Local Climate Action Plan

Milestone 4 - Implement policies and measures

Milestone 5 - Monitor and verify results, and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Milestone 1 was achieved as the City's greenhouse gas inventory was completed and staff of the Oberlin Municipal Light and Power System, under the direction of the City Manager and with the concurrence of the City Council, proceeded with Milestone 2 and 3 through the development of a Climate Action Plan for the City of Oberlin; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City of Oberlin signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clinton Climate Initiative committing the City to "work with urgency to achieve the goal of reducing the City of Oberlin's GHG Emissions below zero through the implementation of economically viable innovations in a combination of strategies" and to co-develop a collaborative work plan to achieve climate positive goals; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will guide the City of Oberlin's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the short and long-term; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Climate Action Plan demonstrates the City's commitment to effective planning and to reducing greenhouse gas emissions below zero no later than 2050; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the 17 member Climate Action Committee was formed with representatives from various facets of the community and city government to foster broad-based participation in the development of this updated plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Oberlin hereby adopts the 2013 Update of the City of Oberlin Climate Action Plan and thanks the Oberlin Climate Action Committee for its work.

SECTION 2. That the Council of the City of Oberlin hereby recommits to achieving the following Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets based on 2007 Greenhouse Gas Emission inventory levels:

- 50% Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2015
- 75% Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030
- 100% Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050

SECTION 3. That Section 3 of Resolution R11-09 is hereby amended to read as follows:


"SECTION 3. The Council of the City of Oberlin endorses formation of a Climate Action Committee to prepare the 2018 Climate Action Plan Update."


SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading – February 19, 2013 (Amended)
2nd Reading – March 4, 2013 (Suspension of 3rd Reading, effective in 30 days)
3rd Reading –

ATTEST:


BELINDA B. ANDERSON, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL


RONNIE J. RIMBERT
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 03/05/2013

EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/03/2013

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