

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO
RESOLUTION No. R19-03 CMS

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING OHIO HOUSE BILL 6 AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin has partnered with other municipal electric systems to invest in traditional and renewable energy projects in Ohio and the region to supply our customers with cost-effective, reliable power; and,

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2019, the Ohio House of Representatives passed House Bill 6 (HB 6), which would effectively replace the Ohio Renewable Portfolio Standard that incentivizes all renewable energy generation with the new “Ohio Clean Air Program” to provide subsidies to certain electric generating facilities; and,

WHEREAS, HB 6 fails to recognize municipal electric communities for their significant investments in zero-emission and low-emission energy projects; and,

WHEREAS, HB 6 specifically excludes generating assets owned by, or providing power to, municipal electric systems from being eligible to apply for funds through the Ohio Clean Air Program; and,

WHEREAS, HB 6 impacts the wholesale energy and capacity markets in PJM by subsidizing a limited set of generating assets with out of market payments; and

WHEREAS, changes to the renewable portfolio standard as proposed in HB 6 will devalue renewable energy credits produced by renewable energy projects, including zero-carbon emission projects; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Municipal Electric Association and American Municipal Power, Inc., of which Oberlin is a member of both, have submitted amendments that would reduce the overall impact of the legislation on our community and customers; and

WHEREAS, those proposed amendments were not included in HB 6 as passed by the House of Representatives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, 5/7th of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Oberlin City Council opposes Ohio House Bill 6 and any legislation that would unduly discriminate against zero-carbon emission, reduced-carbon emission and

renewable generation resources owned by or serving municipal electric customers by subsidizing similarly-situated generation resources.

SECTION 2. That the Oberlin City Council opposes Ohio House Bill 6 and any legislation that would devalue the Ohio Renewable Portfolio Standard that incents the continuation of operation as well as the development of new renewable and zero-carbon emissions generation resources in Ohio.

SECTION 3. That the Oberlin City Council urges our State Representative Joseph A. Miller III and State Senator Nathan H. Manning to oppose this legislation unless changes are made to mitigate the impact of the bill on our community and our customers.

SECTION 4. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Mike DeWine of the State of Ohio, and to the Clerk of the Ohio Senate and request that he forward a copy to each of the duly elected State Senators.

SECTION 5. 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 6. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, to wit: to authorize a resolution indicating the opposition of Oberlin City Council on a matter of great importance to the City in a timely manner and during the pendency of hearings on proposed House Bill 6 and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading June 3, 2019(E)
 2nd Reading _____
 3rd Reading _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



BRYAN BURGESS
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 06/04/2019

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/03/2019