

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. R26-05 CMS

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 CITY OF OBERLIN CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE AND DISCHARGING THE 2024 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

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

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, in 2011 the City of Oberlin Adopted a Climate Plan to guide its 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; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Council of the City of Oberlin adopted an update of the Climate Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the 2015 goal to reach 50% greenhouse gas reduction was met; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017 the 12 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; and,

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Council of the City of Oberlin adopted an update of the Climate Action; and,

WHEREAS, the update of the Climate Action Plan is in accordance with Objective 3.10.1 of the City of Oberlin Comprehensive Plan,

WHEREAS, in 2024 the 11 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; and,

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 2026 Update of the City of Oberlin Climate Action Plan attached hereto

SECTION 2. That this Council does hereby recommit to achieving the following Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets based on 2007 Greenhouse Gas Emission inventory levels:

75% Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030
100% Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050

SECTION 3. The work of the 2024 Climate Action Committee is officially complete, and the Committee is hereby discharged with much appreciation by the City Council.

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 : March 2, 2026

2nd Reading : March 16, 2026

3rd Reading : _____

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



EBONI A. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 03/16/2026

EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/15/2026