

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 7517

A RESOLUTION stating the intent of the Council to strive to reduce the community's emissions of global warming pollutants.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has previously adopted strong policy resolutions calling for cities, communities and the federal government to take actions to reduce global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs and that this leadership is bipartisan, coming from Republican and Democratic governors and mayors alike; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, 402 mayors from around the nation have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, climate disruption of the magnitude now predicted by the scientific community will cause extremely costly global disruption of human and natural systems including, but not limited to, potential *local* impacts on infrastructure and city operations, regional water supply, regional water quality, flooding and storm water management capabilities, hydropower generation capabilities, predictability of electricity supply, cost of electricity, marine ecosystems welfare (including the salmon), ecosystem functions, forest health, fire vulnerability, and agriculture, among other things; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue City Council believes it to be in the best interest of the health and long term welfare of the Bellevue community to take action on this issue; now, therefore

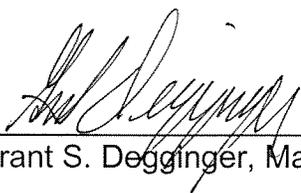
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Bellevue will strive to meet or exceed the Kyoto Protocol targets (7% below 1990 levels by 2012) for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and similar actions within our community, including, but not limited to, those listed below:

1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community and set reduction targets in an Action Plan;
2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy;
5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code and permitting changes;
6. Purchase Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices;
8. Examine the municipal fleet for opportunities to increase efficiency, "right size" the fleet, reduce idling and convert, as feasible, to lower polluting vehicles;
9. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
10. Maintain healthy urban forests to increase shading and to absorb CO₂; and
11. Help educate city employees and the public about reducing global warming pollution.

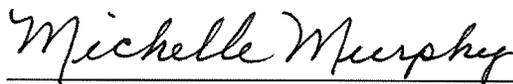
Passed by the City Council this 20 day of February, 2007,
and signed in authentication of its passage this 22 day of February,
2007.

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Grant S. Degginger, Mayor

Attest:



Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk
Deputy City Clerk