

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 7614

A RESOLUTION endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and authorizing the Mayor to sign such Agreement on behalf of the City of Bellevue.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors previously adopted a Climate Protection Agreement at its 73rd Annual meeting which called upon federal, state, and local governments to take actions to reduce global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, in response to that action the Bellevue City Council adopted Resolution No. 7517 which recognized global warming as an important issue and committed the City to take actions to strive to reduce global warming pollution by the City and the community; and

WHEREAS, endorsing and signing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement is consistent with the action taken by the Bellevue City Council in adopting Resolution No. 7517 and the Council's long history of recognizing and pursuing the City's environmental protection and stewardship obligations; 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 hereby endorses the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which reads as follows:

- A. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;
- B. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that includes 1) clear timetables and emissions limits and 2) a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and
- C. We will strike to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:
 1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create 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 by, for example, investing in "green tags" advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use
7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
11. Maintain health urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO2; and
12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Bellevue to sign the foregoing U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement on behalf of the City of Bellevue.

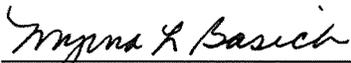
Passed by the City Council this 6th day of August, 2007, and signed in authentication of its passage this 6th day of August, 2007.

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Grant S. Degginger, Mayor

Attest:



Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk