

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A BAN ON FOSSIL FUELS AND ANY NEW FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY OF TAMPA; SUPPORTING A JUST AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITY-WIDE TRANSITION TO 100% CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM SOLAR, WIND AND TIDAL SOURCES BY 2030; SUPPORTING INCREASED ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS; SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT OF CITY ORDINANCES AND COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES THAT SUPPORT TAMPA’S SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY GOALS; SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION TO AN ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CENTERED ON WALKING, BIKING AND ZERO EMISSION PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BY 2030; RECOGNIZING THAT THE FULL PARTICIPATION, INCLUSION SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP OF ALL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS ARE INTEGRAL TO ACHIEVING AN EQUITABLE AND JUST COMMUNITY-WIDE TRANSITION TO 100% CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2030; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, renewable energy represents an enormous economic opportunity for Tampa to increase economic security and expand prosperity for local residents, create jobs in an emerging industry, reduce air pollution and associated public health risks, reduce the strain on water resources, and save consumers money; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa can proactively combat the impacts of climate change that would cause damage to public parks, roads, municipal properties and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa can save on the costs of providing basic public services such as water treatment, storm water management and other infrastructure development, and emergency services by planning ahead for climate related extreme weather events and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, it is less expensive to plan for and mitigate the impacts of climate change, rather than respond to emergencies when they happen; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the quickest, easiest and most cost-effective means available to reduce both municipal operating expenses as well as the burden now incurred by Tampa residents, especially those in marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, a transition to 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources will improve air and water quality and protect public health. Notably, this year’s American Lung Association annual State of the Air report gives Hillsborough County an air quality grade of “F” for ozone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa will substantially save operating expenses by converting to a 100% electric vehicle (EV) municipal fleet while simultaneously vastly improving air quality, and Florida is a growing national leader in its capacity for EV charging; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is making substantial progress toward creating a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly city through investment in infrastructure improvements, making it safer for residents and visitors to choose these zero emission transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jane Castor recently created the Sustainability & Resiliency Department with a mission dedicated to building a clean energy future, conserving natural resources, and preparing for climate impacts, and has appointed the City's first Sustainability & Resilience Officer who has begun work on a Climate Action + Equity Plan. The City of Tampa is committed to ensuring planning, development, and environmental matters are viewed through the lens of environmental justice and that no neighborhood is left behind.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Tampa supports a ban on fossil fuels and any new fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines, compressor stations and power plants that transport and burn fossil fuels, in the City of Tampa.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Tampa supports a just and equitable community-wide transition to 100% clean, renewable energy from solar, wind and tidal sources by 2030.

Section 3. That the City Council of the City of Tampa supports increased energy efficiency in housing and commercial and government buildings thereby reducing the overall consumption of energy and making them more affordable.

Section 4. That the City Council of the City of Tampa supports the enactment of city ordinances and county, state and federal policies that support Tampa's sustainability and resiliency goals.

Section 5. That the City Council of the City of Tampa supports the transition to an accessible and affordable transportation system centered on walking, biking and zero emission public transportation by 2030 through

- i. the transition of its municipal fleet of vehicles to an electric vehicle (EV) fleet, supporting the purchase of municipal vehicles that are zero-emission EVs immediately, and urging that all municipal vehicles are such by 2030 unless there is a compelling public health or safety concern this would cause;
- ii. continuing the expansion of bicycle and pedestrian rights of way and prioritizing these modes of transportation in city planning;

- iii. building the infrastructure needed to provide charging of EVs throughout all neighborhoods of the city, and ensuring that residential homes, business complexes, and city centers have access to EV charging and public transportation;
- iv. supporting HART, Hillsborough County and the state and federal government in efforts to expand the accessibility of public transit and a fully funded transition of the public transportation fleet to EVs by 2030.

Section 6. That the City Council of the City of Tampa The City of Tampa recognizes that the full participation, inclusion, support, and leadership of frontline and vulnerable communities, community organizations, faith communities, youth, labor organizations, academic institutions, indigenous groups, and racial, gender, family, immigrant and disability justice organizations and other allies are integral to achieving an equitable and just community-wide transition to 100% clean, renewable energy by 2030.

Section 7. That the proper officers of the City of Tampa are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper in order to carry out and make effective the provisions of this resolution.

Section 8. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAMPA,
FLORIDA, ON _____.**

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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