

RESOLUTION No. 36748 As Amended

Adopt the joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050 (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the scientific consensus is increasingly clear that human activities are largely responsible for the accelerating changes in the global climate; and

WHEREAS, global warming poses a significant threat to Oregon's forestry, fisheries, water supplies, and coastal resources; impacts are likely to include winter flooding, summer droughts, loss of shoreline, forest fires, diminished fish and wildlife habitat, retreating glaciers, decreased snow pack, and increased disease vectors and invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Earth's atmosphere currently includes 388 parts per million of carbon dioxide, a figure that is rising rapidly; and

WHEREAS, 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide is increasingly emerging as a level scientists identify as safe; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates that global greenhouse gas emissions must decline 50 to 85 percent from 2000 levels by 2050 to avoid catastrophic climate disruption; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland 1990 Energy Policy (Ordinance No. 162975) and 1993 Carbon Dioxide Reduction Strategy (Resolution No. 35207), and 2001 Local Action Plan on Global Warming (Resolution No. 35995) established plans to reduce carbon dioxide emissions; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 36488 acknowledged the recommendations of the Peak Oil Task Force and directed the Office of Sustainable Development to consider the recommendations in revising the City/County climate change plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has implemented a number of innovative policies and programs that have reduced greenhouse gas emissions while providing other economic and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City, working together with Multnomah County and many private and public-sector partners, has achieved a significant accomplishment in reducing greenhouse gas emissions to one percent below 1990 levels in 2008, which represents a per capita decrease of 19 percent and a marked contrast with national figures, which show a steady increase in emissions;

WHEREAS, despite these accomplishments, the City and its partners face many challenges in continuing to reduce emissions and achieve the 80 percent reduction that is likely required to stabilize the climate; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has set a goal to achieve 10 percent emission reductions below 1990 levels by 2020; and achieve 75 percent emission reductions below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is in the process of developing the Portland Plan, a strategic and comprehensive plan for the future growth and development of the city over the next 30 years, which will strongly influence the region's ability to prosper without relying on carbon-based energy; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 36714 adopted the City's five-year Economic Development Strategy, which establishes the City's intent to make Portland "the most sustainable economy in the world" and aligns supply-side economic development strategies with demand-side carbon-reduction efforts;

WHEREAS, Resolution 36548 directed the Office of Sustainable Development to revise the City's previous climate-protection plan in coordination with the Bureaus of Planning, Development Services, Environmental Services, Water, Housing and Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Office of Transportation, Portland Development Commission and Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS, a steering committee of citizens, businesses and public officials guided the development of the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft plan was released for public comment in April 2009, and the City held eight public meetings to discuss the draft plan with residents, businesses and community organizations. More than 400 people participated in the public meetings, and an additional 175 sets of comments were received through an online comment form, by email or in letters, totaling more than 2,600 comments and suggestions; and

WHEREAS, the final Climate Action Plan has been significantly revised in response to the comments and now underscores the essential role of equity, natural systems, public health and a broad array of partner agencies and organizations working on climate change locally;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City adopts the joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City establishes a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City considers 350 parts per million the appropriate global target for atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide.

Adopted by the Council: OCT 28 2009

Mayor Sam Adams

Prepared by: M. Armstrong

Date Prepared: October 21, 2009

LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Auditor of the City of Portland

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Susan Parsons

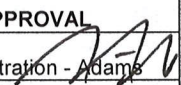

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COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams 	<div>LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</div> <div>By:  Deputy</div> ACTION TAKEN:

AGENDA
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FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
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1. Fritz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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3. Saltzman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Leonard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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