



Legislation Text

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A resolution authorizing the City of Toledo to become a Power a Clean Future Ohio Community and to adopt a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the city.

WHEREAS, Power a Clean Future Ohio is an expansive, diverse coalition engaging with cities and local governments across the state of Ohio to build a clean future for our communities, and empowers local leaders with tools and resources to create carbon reduction plans and implement them in ways that are achievable, measurable, equitable, and economical; and

WHEREAS, steps taken toward carbon emissions also aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and carbon emission reductions and cost savings through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; and through economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency and quality of life; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper -to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty in energy prices and the transition away from fossil fuel energy sources present new challenges and opportunities to both the City of Toledo and to the economic health of its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, climate changes have been observed in Ohio and have the potential to negatively impact local, regional and state economies; infrastructure development; habitat; ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose flooding, drought and health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Power a Clean Future Ohio assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these carbon reduction policies; and

WHEREAS, the Power a Clean Future Ohio provides cost-effective sustainable development policies in the following four categories: (1) Renewable Energy; (2) Energy Efficiency; (3) Transportation Electrification; and (4) Land Use; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby authorize the City of Toledo to participate in Power a Clean

Future Ohio that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the City to be recognized as a Power a Clean Future Community.

SECTION 2. Be it further resolved that the City:

- a. Hereby commits to a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the City of Toledo by 30% by 2030, below 2010 levels.
- b. Will develop a plan during FY 2021 that lays out a roadmap for the City of Toledo to achieve this goal and to proactively seek input from the community in developing this plan.
- c. Will prioritize the lowest cost measures identified in the plan to meet energy needs to be mindful of the use of taxpayer dollars and any impact of consumers' personal expenses.
- d. Will facilitate the involvement of community members in an equitable way and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of PCFO policies; and
- e. Will provide feedback once a year on how well PCFO is serving the city and on city needs from the program; and
- f. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing any policies from two of the PCFO policy categories that will result in carbon emission reductions, cost savings, and quality of life improvement.

SECTION 3. That all formal actions concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were passed in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and 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 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____ : yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council

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Attest: _____
Clerk of Council