Resolution setting City of Spokane Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals

This resolution would formally adopt greenhouse gas emission reduction goals consistent with the previous City goal, with Washington State's goals, and with the goals recommended in the City's 1990 & 2005 Greenhouse Gas Inventory report (Appendix A).

On May 7, 2001 the City joined in ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (RES 2001-32). In February 2007 Spokane signed the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and the City Council passed the Near Nature Quality of Live Initiative (RES 2007-09), each of which contained the goal of a 7% reduction below 1990 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:
Pass the Resolution

ATTACHMENTS: Include in Packets: Resolution
On file for Review in Office of City Clerk: City of Spokane 1990 & 2005 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

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ADOPTED BY
SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL:
June 28, 2010

CITY CLERK

RES 2010-0038
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-0038

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WHEREAS, the City of Spokane has completed a 1990 and 2005 Greenhouse Gas Inventory both for government and community emissions which has firm 2005 data and back projections for 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor’s Sustainability Task Force has recommended the City:
1. keep the City’s goals current and aligned with Washington State goals;
2. calibrate the goal around the most accurate City inventory data;
3. use a dual goal system with both long term and short term goals such as to elicit continuous improvement; and
4. give equitable consideration to the overall interests of the community in setting and working to achieve the goals; and

WHEREAS, Washington State set greenhouse reduction goals in 2007 of being at:
1. 1990 levels by 2020;
2. twenty five percent (25%) below 1990 levels by 2035; and
3. fifty percent (50%) below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, including Spokane, 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, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; -- NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the city council for the City of Spokane that: the City of Spokane, both for City government and for the Community, sets goals for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction such that:

1. By 2012 the City’s GHG emissions will be at least seven percent (7%) below the calculated 1990 level; and
2. By 2030 the City's GHG emissions will be at least thirty percent (30%) below the 2005 level; and

3. To foster continuous improvement and as a measure of appropriate progress at least a one and two tenths percent (1.2%) reduction should be made below the previous year's GHG emissions each year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the City's intent to:

1. keep the City's goals current and aligned with Washington State goals;

2. calibrate the goal around the most accurate City inventory data;

3. use a dual goal system with both long term and short term goals such as to elicit continuous improvement; and

4. give equitable consideration to the overall interests of the community in setting and working to achieve the goals.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON June 28, 2010

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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