

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
RESOLUTION 2020-14**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO IMMEDIATELY REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS FROM MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND PURSUE A NET ZERO, CARBON NEUTRAL FUTURE FOR THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING

Whereas, in 2019, Laramie municipal government established an emissions inventory of its operational activities; and,

Whereas, working with the Haub School at the University of Wyoming, City Council and City Manager requested the *City-County Environmental Advisory Committee* (EAC) consider the matter of reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHGe) within the City of Laramie; and,

Whereas, on February 25, 2020 the EAC presented its recommendation that the Laramie community pursue a net zero emission goal by 2050; and,

Whereas, the EAC recommend a two-pronged approach to include targeted goals for modification of municipal government activities directly within the control of the governing body and city manager, combined with a broad-based community-wide plan to position Laramie to be carbon neutral by 2050; and,

Whereas, the establishment of policy goals and objectives by the Governing Body of the City of Laramie promotes the overall efficiency and effectiveness of City services and facilitates community building for current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, BY THIS RESOLUTION:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by reference; and

Section 2. To direct the establishment of modifications of municipal government operations and facilities designed to contribute immediately and incrementally toward a 2050 net-zero emissions goal during Fiscal Biennium 2021-22 as set forth generally in Section 2 of the *EAC Recommendations*, and upon final approval and allocation of funds by the governing body; and,

Section 3. To direct planning for a 2050 carbon neutral goal to include the collection of quantitative data, analysis, and a community-wide emissions inventory and reduction strategy; establishment of community-wide reduction goals as a matter of public policy; implementation of community outreach, education, and training program; and securing financial resources for expansion into community-wide net zero efforts for review, approval and allocation of funds by the governing body in FYs 2022 and/or 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd day of March, 2020.

Joe Shumway
Mayor and President of Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk

MGR.'S RECOMMENDATION