

A RESOLUTION

Kwanza Hall

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2015 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TO REDUCE CITYWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there is a consensus among the world’s leading scientists that climate change caused by anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases is among the most significant problems facing the world today and potentially poses the greatest economic, environmental, and social challenge of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of climate change include, but are not limited to, occurrences of extreme weather events (i.e., droughts and floods), adverse impact on the wellbeing of the City of Atlanta (“City”) residents, businesses, and visitors, threatening food and water supplies and public health; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates that industrialized countries greenhouse gas emissions must have to decline by about 80% from 2000 levels by 2050 to avoid catastrophic climate disruption; and

WHEREAS, cities have a unique role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions through their local jurisdiction over policy areas such as land use planning, transportation, zoning, forest preservation, water conservation, and solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, reducing greenhouse gas emissions will improving the air quality of the City and the therefore the wellbeing of the City’s present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability engaged more than 50 citywide stakeholder experts in a collaborative study to produce the final planning document known as the 2015 Atlanta Climate Action Plan (“Plan”), which consists of measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from commercial and residential buildings, energy production, waste and water-waste, transportation, and urban green spaces; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interests of the City to adopt a climate action plan to reduce the City’s greenhouse gas emissions.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES, to adopt the attached Plan and support the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability efforts to partner with City stakeholders to promote a sustainable future by reducing total City emissions of greenhouses 20% by 2020, 40% by 2030, and 80% by 2040 below 2009 levels.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability is responsible for ensuring proper implementation of the Plan through project facilitation and stakeholder engagement.

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

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- Readings
- Consent V Vote RC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ADVERTISE & REFER
- 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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