

**105-R-18**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Adopting the City of Evanston Climate Action and Resilience Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes climate change as a major threat locally and globally and that aggressive action is required locally to contain warming to 1.5° Celsius, which is the believed threshold to provide a reasonable chance for the survival of human civilization and other complex life forms on this planet; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary local climate hazards Evanston is projected to experience include: significant increase of instances of extreme heat, extreme weather events including more intense precipitation, and fewer days below freezing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City believes it is imperative to have coordinated regional and national action to address the challenges of climate change and implement consistent sustainability practices throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Evanston has a longstanding history of climate action and planning dating back to 2005 with Mayor Morton's signing onto the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has successfully implemented two previous climate action plans, Evanston Climate Action Plan (2008 – 2012) and the Livability Plan (2014 – 2016); and

**WHEREAS**, Evanston's greenhouse gas emissions peaked in 2008 and have been reduced by 24% overall since 2005, and;

**WHEREAS**, the City is a regional and national leader in sustainability as evidenced by the 4-STAR Community Rating, the Mayor's Climate Protection Award, the EPA Green Power Partnership, and the 2015 U.S. Earth Hour Capital Award; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Mayor Stephen H. Hagerty have made commitments to take meaningful and immediate action in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through We Are Still In, Climate Mayors, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, STAR Community Rating System, Sierra Club's Mayors for 100% Clean and Renewable Energy and the Greenest Region Compact 2; and

**WHEREAS**, in September, 2017, Mayor Hagerty appointed seventeen (17) community members to the Climate Action and Resilience Plan Working Group to develop a community plan to aggressively reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change locally.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The foregoing recitals are found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2:** The City Council adopts the Climate Action and Resilience Plan and the goals within, including specifically:

- Community-wide carbon neutrality by 2050;
- 28% reduction in community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2025 in line with the U.S.'s commitment to The Paris Agreement;
- Community-wide Zero Waste by 2050;

- 100% Clean and Renewable Electricity by 2030;
- 100% Clean and Renewable Energy for Municipal Operations by 2020;
- Adoption of the Illinois Sierra Club's definition of "Clean and Renewable Energy";  
and
- Incorporation of up-to-date climate science and projections into relevant City planning and policy decisions such a building codes, stormwater management and facility maintenance.

**SECTION 3:** The City Council directs the City Manager to implement the Climate Action and Resilience Plan beginning on January 1, 2019 and provide an annual progress update in the first quarter of each year between 2019 and 2025.

**SECTION 4:** The City Manager and their designee are hereby authorized and directed to sign, and the City Clerk hereby authorized and directed to attest, any documents necessary to implement the terms of this resolution.

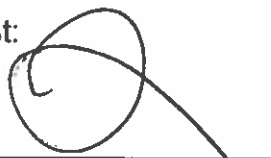
**SECTION 5:** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner required by law.

  
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Stephen Hagerty, Mayor

Approved as to form:

  
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Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation Counsel

Attest:

  
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Devon Reid, City Clerk

Adopted: December 10, 2018