

A POLICY RESOLUTION

adopting the “Climate Action and Adaptation Plan” for the City of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri desires to protect and enhance the quality of life for all those who live, work, learn and play in our community; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the recognition that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, is an important driver of climate change; and

WHEREAS, actions that reduce climate pollution have the potential to improve air quality, public health, energy security, social equity, natural environment and quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reaffirmed its commitment to reduce carbon emissions for the benefit of citizens in the community with the adoption of Resolution No. 83-17 on June 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established the Mayor's Task Force on Climate Action and Adaptation Planning with the adoption of Resolution No. 184-17 on December 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established emission reduction goals with the adoption of Resolution No. 130-18 on August 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this policy resolution adopts the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and sets the goals and strategies as a policy guide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby approves and adopts the "Climate Action and Adaptation Plan" dated May 23, 2019, a copy of which, marked “Exhibit A,” is attached to this policy resolution.

SECTION 2. The “Climate Action and Adaptation Plan” shall serve as a policy guide to public and private actions in the City of Columbia. The Plan is advisory only and not regulatory. The Plan does not control the use of private property nor behaviors of individuals and is intended to be a guide for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for a changing climate.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor