

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION No. 2019-03

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY POLICY

WHEREAS, Cottonwood Heights (the “City”) is a city of approximately 34,000 residents located in the central Eastern portion of Salt Lake County, an urbanized population center totaling approximately 1.15 Million residents; and

WHEREAS, the City’s governing body (the “Council”) desires to take actions which promote the health, safety and welfare of the City’s residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council also desires to enhance the economic well-being of the City and its residents through prudent management of the City’s financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the urbanization and geography of Salt Lake County result in periods of poor air quality and other environmental concerns due in part to the use of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the energy sources utilized by and within the City therefore can impact public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, recent advances in the field of energy technology have made renewable energy more economically viable than in the past and, in some cases, more cost-effective than traditional energy sources; and

WHEREAS, the City is a principal gateway to Utah’s world-famous mountain recreation areas, with the ski industry being an economic contributor to the City and one which relies on preservation of the environment and protection of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City and its residents have shown an interest in environmental stewardship through various initiatives and activities surrounding growth and development; and

WHEREAS, to that end, since its incorporation in January 2005 the City has undertaken various actions to enhance efficiencies in the City’s use of energy, including utilizing LED lights in all of the City’s semaphores, converting as many of the City’s streetlights as possible to LED lights, and constructing the City’s city hall building to be “solar ready” and to meet LEED-equivalent energy efficiency standards, all of which actions have served to reduce harmful emissions and promote energy efficiency in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that determining and undertaking a further suite of actions designed to reduce fossil fuel dependence while appropriately balancing financial stewardship and promoting economic growth is an important component of safeguarding public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Council met in regular session on 8 January 2019 to, among other things, consider establishing renewable energy goals for the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the city of Cottonwood Heights that the City shall work collaboratively with Rocky Mountain Power to continue to seek mutually beneficial, financially feasible methods to increase energy efficiency and the utilization by and within the City of renewable energy (meaning non-fossil fuel sources such as electricity derived from wind, solar, hydroelectricity, geothermal sources and other means that become available and do not add greenhouse gases to the atmosphere) while lowering dependence on non-renewable sources of energy; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City may work collaboratively with neighboring cities and other public and private partners to explore sustainable energy sources, best practices for shifting towards renewable energy, and otherwise determining areas of possible improvement regarding energy efficiency and use of renewable energy in all aspects of the City's municipal operations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City encourages businesses and contractors within the City to pursue energy efficiency and to use renewable energy, including in connection with development of roads and buildings in the City; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall develop a plan to pursue a goal of achieving a 100% renewable electricity supply for the City's operations by 2022 and within the City by 2032 without compromising the three principles of affordability, reliability and environmental stewardship; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that such plan shall incorporate an analysis of budgetary and fiscal impacts, as well as interim milestones and annual progress reports.

This Resolution, assigned no. 2019-03, shall take effect immediately upon passage as provided herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of January 2019.

ATTEST:

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

By: _____
Paula Melgar, Recorder

By _____
Michael J. Peterson, Mayor

VOTING:

Michael J. Peterson	Yea ____ Nay ____
Michael L. Shelton	Yea ____ Nay ____
J. Scott Bracken	Yea ____ Nay ____
Tali C. Bruce	Yea ____ Nay ____
Christine Watson Mikell	Yea ____ Nay ____

DEPOSITED in the office of the City Recorder this 8th day of January 2019.

RECORDED this ___ day of January 2019.