

RESOLUTION NO. 14-20 (Amended)

A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 12-19 (A Resolution To Reduce Carbon Emissions, Increase Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Use, And To Create A Climate Change-Resilient City Of West Lafayette, Indiana To Benefit The Economy, Promote Public Health, And Protect The Community's Children And Grandchildren.)

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette passed Resolution No. 12-19 in October 2019;
and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19. crisis has demonstrated that 1) just like the climate crisis, COVID impacts our most vulnerable communities and communities of color and 2) we are capable of meeting a crisis by recognizing and working together; and

WHEREAS, the greatest burden resulting from an inadequate response to climate change will be borne by our youngest generations, our most vulnerable communities, and all subsequent generations; and

WHEREAS, The City of West Lafayette made their Earth Day Proclamation stating that the City of West Lafayette committed to following through with a climate resolution, Resolution No. 12-19, on October 7, 2019; and The City of West Lafayette is dedicated to reducing greenhouse gas emissions with a Climate Action Plan; and the City of West Lafayette stands with these students in support of environmental action; and Mayor Dennis encouraged all citizens of the City of West Lafayette to participate in Earth Day climate awareness events so as to make the City of West Lafayette and the state of Indiana a more sustainable place to live.

WHEREAS, SECTION 3 states the City of West Lafayette intends to reduce emissions by twenty percent (20%) with a goal of further reductions of twenty percent (20%) every four (4) years thereafter. This reduction includes obtaining a baseline measurement of emissions, the creation of an emissions management plan, the setting of short-term benchmark goals, the establishment of proper measures to ensure the plan is being implemented, and the incorporation of energy efficiency and renewable energy standards where possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 3 NOW STATES: The City of West Lafayette intends to reduce emissions by twenty percent (20%) from the baseline by 2022 with a goal of further reductions of twenty percent (20%) from the baseline every four (4) years thereafter resulting in carbon neutrality by the year 2038. Carbon neutrality is a combination of using renewable energy, energy efficiency and credits to achieve a carbon neutral amount. The year 2017 will be used as the baseline for reductions for City operations. The carbon neutrality goal applies directly to municipal operations; however, the City is committed to

working with the community to aid in their emission reductions. The community emissions baseline is from 2018 as calculated through the ERI/ISDP resilient cohort process for community operations. This reduction includes obtaining a baseline measurement of emissions, the creation of an emissions management plan, the setting of short-term benchmark goals, the establishment of proper measures to ensure the plan is being implemented, and the incorporation of energy efficiency and renewable energy standards where possible.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City commits to adding a resiliency (environmental security) officer to supervise compliance with same and adds a Climate Impact Fee to the Wastewater Utility bill to pay for said officer and other projects deemed necessary to support said resolution.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING ON THE 8 DAY OF September, 2020.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR DeBoer, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Thomas.

DULY RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 8 DAY OF September, 2020, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 9 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blanco	✓			
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Kang	✓			
Leverenz	✓			
Parker	✓			
Sanders	✓			
Thomas	✓			
Wang	✓			


Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

Attest:



Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA
ON THE 10 DAY OF September, 2020.


Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 14 DAY OF
September, 2020.


John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:


Sana G. Booker, Clerk

