

RESOLUTION NO. 823

SUPPORTING COMMITMENT TO THE REDUCTION OF GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FOR THE CITY OF LYNDEN, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, many Cities have adopted greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs to reduce the negative effects of such emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden supports reduction of greenhouse gas emissions that would support quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that here forth the City of Lynden will strive to meet or exceed targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and community as follows:

Section 1:

1. Continue to adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, reserve open space, and create compact, walk-able urban communities;
2. Encourage high-density, mixed-use, infill development and creative reuse of brown-field, under-utilized and/or defunct properties within the urban area;
3. Maintain healthy urban open spaces; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂;
4. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, and encourage car pooling and the use of public transportation;
5. Continue to provide safe and convenient access for pedestrians and bicyclists to, across and along major arterials;
6. Build all new publicly funded buildings with a cost-effective, energy-efficient design;
7. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems and maintain and operate them at peak efficiency. When cost effective options are possible, the one using the least amount of energy shall be preferred;
8. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
9. Purchase Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
10. Encourage energy conservation practices in buildings by raising the awareness of employees own energy use;
11. Educate employees about trip reduction, anti-idling, car pooling and other emissions reducing actions in order to increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; and when possible convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
12. Continue Lynden's water conservation program that includes tiered rate structures for water use, and restricts time of use for landscape watering;
13. Promote and expand the increase in recycling rates in City operations and in the community; also in respect to purchasing to reduce the amount of waste produced.

Section 2: **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any resolutions or parts of resolutions to conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution.

Section 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases have been declared invalid or unconstitutional, and if, for any reason this Resolution should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original Resolution or Resolutions shall be in full force and effect.

Section 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect on June 8, 2010.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 IN OPPOSITION, AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS 7 DAY OF June, 2010.



MAYOR SCOTT KORTHUIS

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK BILL VERWOLF

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT CARMICHAEL