

RESOLUTION 2022-108
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
ADOPTING AN INTERIM GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOAL

WHEREAS, the Fort Collins Community and its elected leaders have long put a high priority on being a regional, national, and global leader in addressing the climate change; and emergency recognized by Council's adoption of Resolution 2019-091; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2008, City Council adopted Resolution 2008-051 establishing the goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 20% below 2005 levels by 2020 and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2008, City Council adopted Resolution 2008-122 approving and adopting the 2008 Fort Collins Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2015, City Council adopted Resolution 2015-030 updating the goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 2005 levels by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2019, City Council adopted Resolution 2019-091 acknowledging the global climate emergency, reaffirming its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as set forth in Resolution 2015-030, directing review and reconsideration of the emissions goals established for 2030 and 2050 to remain in alignment with ongoing scientific findings at five-year intervals commencing in 2021, and calling for updates to the City's Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021, City Council adopted Resolution 2021-031 approving and adopting the Our Climate Future Plan, as a combined and comprehensive update to the 2008 Climate Action Plan, accompanied by a two-year tactical plan, both of which include the goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 2005 levels by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate progress and provide an additional benchmark, City Council desires to set an aspirational interim target for greenhouse gas reductions between now and the 2030 goal of 80% below 2005 levels; and

WHEREAS, the most recent projections estimate that with all known actions today, the City can achieve an approximately 70% reduction below 2005 levels by 2030 and a 43% reduction by 2026;

WHEREAS, City Council finds that setting an aspirational interim goal recognizes the climate emergency, the need for additional community partnerships and leadership at all levels to achieve Fort Collins' goals, and is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes any and all determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the Council hereby reaffirms its goal to reduce Fort Collins's community-wide greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 2005 levels by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, and affirms its commitment to meaningfully engage all community members, both residents and businesses, to partner and develop equitable solutions to reduce emissions and enhance Fort Collins' resilience to climate change.

Section 3. That Council hereby adopts an aspirational interim goal to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions to 50% below 2005 levels by 2026 to facilitate progress toward and provide an additional benchmark on its path to reaching an 80% reduction below 2005 levels by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050, without compromising key community economic and social values.

Passed and adopted at an adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 25th day of October, A.D. 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk