

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS, TO JOIN CITIES RACE TO ZERO IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Manor (the “City Council”) desires to work on local efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions and efforts for binding federal and global-level policy making; and

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world’s leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, Cities Race to Zero is a global campaign to rally leadership and support from business, cities, regions, and investors for a healthy, resilient, zero carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth ahead of COP26 in November 2021 and to build global momentum around the shift to a decarbonized economy ahead of COP26;

WHEREAS, by joining Cities Race to Zero the City agrees to the pledges set forth in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is in the best interest of the City of Manor (the “City”) to join Cities Race to Zero.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANOR, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby approves the recitals contained in the preamble of this Resolution and finds that all the recitals are true and correct and incorporate the same in the body of this Resolution as findings of fact.

SECTION 2. The City of Manor hereby joins Cities Race to Zero (the “Coalition”) and authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to cause the City to complete the Pledge Form required for joining the Coalition and authorizes the Mayor and City Manager, or designee to complete the Pledge form.

SECTION 3. If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this resolution or application thereof to any persons or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the resolution despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Manor, Texas, at a regular meeting on the 21st day of April 2021, at which a quorum was present, and for which due notice was given pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551.

THE CITY OF MANOR, TEXAS

Dr. Larry Wallace Jr.,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lluvia T. Almaraz,
City Secretary

Exhibit A
Cities Race to Zero Pledge Form Content

The City of Manor pledges the following

1. Publicly endorse the following Principles:
 - We recognize the global climate emergency.
 - We are committed to keeping global heating below the 1.5°Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement.
 - We are committed to putting inclusive climate action at the center of all urban decision-making, to create thriving and equitable communities for everyone.
 - We invite our partners – political leaders, CEOs, trade unions, investors, and civil society – to join us in recognizing the global climate emergency and help us deliver on science-based action to overcome it.
2. Pledge to reach (net)-zero in the 2040s or sooner, or by mid-century at the latest, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5°Celsius.
3. In advance of COP26, explain what steps will be taken toward achieving net zero, especially in the short- to medium-term. Set an interim target to achieve in the next decade, which reflects a fair share of the 50% global reduction in CO2 by 2030 identified in the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°Celsius.
4. Immediately proceed to planning at least one inclusive and equitable climate action as listed on www.citiesracetozero.org that will help to place your city on a resilient pathway consistent with the 1.5°Celsius objective of the Paris Agreement and begin implementation no later than 2022.
5. Report progress annually, beginning no later than 2022 to your usual or the recommended reporting platform. Your 1.5°Celsius target and action commitment(s) should be shared through your regular channels of reporting. If you have not reported before, you will be contacted by partners for support.