

RESOLUTION NO. R2018-015

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington adopting common targets to reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change.

WHEREAS, a growing body of scientific evidence shows that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are accelerating global climate change and resulting in local impacts, including sea-level rise, ocean acidification, and more frequent and intense heavy precipitation events, floods, droughts, and wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded that the United States and other industrialized countries need to reduce emissions in the range of 80-95 percent from 1990 levels by 2050 to stabilize atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases at 450 parts per million; and

WHEREAS, the IPCC concluded that meeting the stabilization target will likely keep the global average temperature from rising 2° Celsius above pre-industrial levels by the end of this century and thus avoid more severe climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's "Paris Agreement," which the United States and other nations brokered in late 2015, includes the 2°C target; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater is greatly concerned about the economic, public health, and environmental impacts of climate change on all communities in the Thurston County region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater in 2008 adopted a Climate Action Plan, which committed the City to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations 7% below 2000 levels by 2012 and to keep them there beyond 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater and other communities in the Thurston Region have taken strong action to reduce their municipal operations' emissions but all agree that further action is needed to reduce communitywide emissions; and

WHEREAS, the policymakers of Thurston County and the Cities of Tumwater, Lacey and Olympia signed an interlocal agreement in April 2018 to complete Phase 1 of a Regional Climate Mitigation Plan that would recommend

common, communitywide emissions-reduction targets to guide Phase 2 of the plan; and

WHEREAS, a project team of staff members from each jurisdiction concludes that the Thurston County region must reduce communitywide greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85 percent below 2015 levels by 2050 to ensure that local communities do their part to keep the global average temperature from rising more than 2°C; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's General Government Committee reviewed the proposed Resolution in a briefing on June 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Council discussed the proposed Resolution in a work session on June 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2018 the City Council considered the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the provisions of this Resolution are in the best interest of and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption. The City of Tumwater affirms it will pursue the recommended emissions-reduction targets via the development and implementation of the Regional Climate Mitigation Plan.

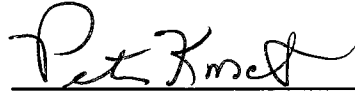
Section 2. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

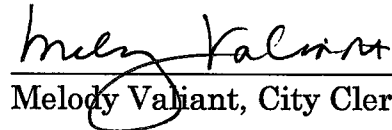
RESOLVED this 19 day of June, 2018.

CITY OF TUMWATER



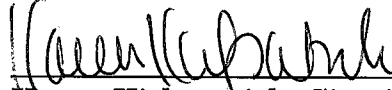
Pete Kmet, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney