

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. 906

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOULDER

ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO TAKE COST-EFFECTIVE ACTIONS THAT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY BY REDUCING LOCAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Boulder has a long history of protecting and enhancing environmental quality in the City; and

WHEREAS, in January 2002 City Council reaffirmed their commitment to the environmental sustainability goal as one of four major Council goals; and

WHEREAS, the City participates in the Cities for Climate Protection campaign and is developing a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the City; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1997, in Kyoto, Japan the United States joined the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in agreeing to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases by 7 percent below 1990 levels, although the United States has not ratified this protocol; and

WHEREAS, 81% of Boulder's citizens believe reducing air pollution is important in improving the quality of life in Boulder, according to the results of the 2001 Boulder Citizen Survey; and

WHEREAS, in August 2001 the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan was updated and includes specific policies related to global climate change and energy use aimed at reducing air pollution, increasing energy efficiency and conservation, increasing the use of renewable energy in the community, and limiting growth in the use of all non-renewable energy resources, accommodating new growth by an overall per capita decrease in energy use; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing scientific evidence that carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere will have a profound effect on the Earth's climate, increasing the risk to municipal governments from increased extreme weather events, changing rainfall and crop productivity patterns, and migration of infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency, reduced vehicle miles traveled, and waste reduction can provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, extending

landfill life, and reducing energy expenditures for the City, its businesses and its citizens;
and

WHEREAS, the Council intends for the City to take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations;

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

Section 1. Council hereby declares its intent that the City shall identify and implement actions that will reduce Boulder's contribution to total global greenhouse gas emissions, in direct support of the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan and the Council's Environmental Sustainability Goal.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby directed to develop a local action plan to establish a specific reduction goal for Boulder and an implementation schedule for the reduction measures identified above in section 1 by September 30, 2002. The local action plan will be developed with the initial goal of being in alignment with the Kyoto Protocol target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 7% below the estimated 1990 level of greenhouse gas emissions generated in the city of Boulder, while achieving cost effectiveness in each program.

Section 3. The City Manager shall annually submit to City Council a report that evaluates the progress of City staff on greenhouse gas reduction efforts, recommends actions for consideration in the upcoming budget cycle, and identifies additional greenhouse gas reducing activities that merit consideration two or more years into the future.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held this _____ day of _____ 2002.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk