

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Olympia, Washington regarding the community greenhouse gas inventory completed by Thurston Climate Action Team, and strategies for reducing greenhouse gases.

WHEREAS, climate change is a critical concern for Olympia residents, and greenhouse gases resulting from community activities contribute to the negative immediate and long term effects of climate change, and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes climate change as a critical issue, and has taken steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from city operations, and

WHEREAS, in order to determine strategies and policies that will most effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions resulting from community activities, it is important to have an inventory of current emissions, and

WHEREAS, the Thurston Climate Action Team has completed a comprehensive greenhouse gas emissions inventory for Thurston County which includes the emissions occurring within the boundaries of the City of Olympia, and

WHEREAS, effective strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions within the City of Olympia will rely on strong collaboration with other municipalities within Thurston County,

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

Section #1: The City of Olympia accepts the greenhouse gas inventory completed by Thurston Climate Action Team, and wishes to collaborate with other municipalities within Thurston County to develop and implement policies and actions for reducing its community greenhouse gas emissions.

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 ___ day of _____, 2013.

CITY OF OLYMPIA

Stephen Buxbaum, Mayor

ATTEST:

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