

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1631, AN ACT RELATING TO REDUCING POLLUTION BY
INVESTING IN CLEAN AIR, ENERGY, WATER, HEALTHY FORESTS AND COMMUNITIES BY
IMPOSING A FEE ON LARGE EMITTERS BASED ON THEIR POLLUTION.**

WHEREAS, the intent of Initiative Measure No. 1631 is to protect Washington for our children, our grandchildren, and future generations by quickly and effectively reducing pollution and addressing its negative impacts; and

WHEREAS, fossil fuel consumption and related pollution contribute directly to climate change and the regional effects of global warming, which harm Washington's health, economy, natural resources, environment, and communities, such as intensified storms, droughts, sea level rise, increased flooding, more frequent and severe wildfires, and other adverse impacts to forests, agriculture, wildlife, fisheries, rivers, and the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, investments in clean air, clean energy, clean water, healthy forests, and healthy communities will facilitate the transition away from fossil fuels, reduce pollution, and create an environment that protects our children, families, and neighbors from the adverse impacts of pollution; and

WHEREAS, funding of these investments through a fee on large emitters of pollution based on the amount of pollution they contribute is fair and makes sense. A pollution fee offsets and alleviates burdens to which those emitters of pollution directly contribute; and

WHEREAS, the transition to the clean energy economy will have tremendous economic and job growth benefits; that Washington's tradition of innovation and technology development combined with the funding available under Initiative Measure No. 1631 will increase economic opportunity, enhance economic and environmental sustainability, and create and support family-sustaining jobs across Washington; and

WHEREAS, the business community will play a critical role in leading this transition and in reducing pollution;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE that it expresses its support for citizen Initiative Measure No. 1631, which will be on the ballot to be placed before voters on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.


PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2018.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY