

Resolution of the City of Jersey City, N.J.

File No. Res. 21-383
Agenda No. 10.36
Approved: May 13 2021



A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE JERSEY CITY 2021 CLIMATE AND ENERGY ACTION PLAN.

COUNCIL offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, to address global climate change the Jersey City Council adopted Resolution 15-485 in 2015 which committed the City of Jersey City ("City") to a reduction in its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and increased use of renewable energy, and supported other actions that would help the City meet these goals; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Steven M. Fulop joined the "Mayors for Climate" coalition following President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Jersey City Council passed Resolution 17-517 reaffirming the Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City joined the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, which commits the City to aggressive, measurable action to address the climate crisis, including conducting a city-wide GHG inventory, developing public emissions targets, and creating a roadmap for achieving those targets; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability was created in 2018 to coordinate the City's sustainability efforts across a variety of departments and sectors and to develop action plans for meeting the City's climate and environmental goals; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability completed the first city-wide GHG inventory in 2019, using 2016 data; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability initiated the process to create an action plan for reducing Jersey City's GHG emissions in the fall of 2019 with a community meeting, the creation of a steering committee, and by establishing four working groups that provided recommendations for climate actions related to the Energy, Transportation and Land Use, Waste, and Equity; and

WHEREAS, input from the general public was actively sought during the development of the Climate and Energy Action Plan through online surveys and public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the completed 2021 Climate and Energy Action Plan identifies actions to achieve City climate goals while also substantially contributing to many other City goals, including transportation choices, building energy efficiency, solid waste reduction, urban forest protection, equity, and clean air.

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

1. The Jersey City 2021 Climate and Energy Action Plan, attached hereto as Attachment 1, is hereby adopted to provide long-term planning direction and guide climate protection and adaptation efforts; and
2. This plan will also be incorporated as an element in Jersey City's Updated Master Plan and that action on individual plan recommendations will be considered by the Council after a more complete analysis of each recommendation's costs and benefits to the public and private sectors as part of future policy and budget decisions.

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM



Business Administrator



Corporation Counsel

Certification Required

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE – May 13													9-0		
	AYE	NAY	N.V.	Absent		AYE	NAY	N.V.	Absent		AYE	NAY	N.V.	Absent	N.V. – (Abstain)
RIDLEY	✓				SALEH	✓				LAVARRO	✓				
PRINZ-AREY	✓				SOLOMON	✓				RIVERA	✓				
BOGGIANO	✓				ROBINSON	✓				WATTERMAN, PRES	✓				

Adopted at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey.



Joyce E. Watterman, President of Council



Sean J. Gallagher, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION FACT SHEET -

This summary sheet is to be attached to the front of any resolution that is submitted for Council consideration. Incomplete or vague fact sheets will be returned with the resolution.

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Note: Project Manager must be available by phone during agenda meeting (Wednesday prior to council meeting @ 1:00 p.m.)

Purpose

To formally adopt Jersey City's first-ever Climate and Energy Action Plan.
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ATTACHMENTS:

Jersey City Climate Energy Action Plan FINAL
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Approved by

- Katherine Lawrence, Senior Program Analyst
- John Mercer, Assistant Business Administrator
- John McKinney, Attorney
- Peter Baker, Corporation Counsel
- Amy Forman, Attorney
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- Ray Reddington, Attorney
- Jeremy Jacobsen, Attorney
- Sapana Shah, Attorney
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- John Metro, Acting Business Administrator

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- Approved - May 05 2021
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