

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR IN SUPPORT OF PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor recognizes the serious threats that climate change poses to the local environment, economy, and livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor has a longstanding commitment to sustainable energy planning, including forming a citizen-advisory Energy Commission that crafted Ann Arbor's first Energy Plan in 1981 and establishing an Ann Arbor Energy Office four years later; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, City Council approved a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50 percent from 2000 levels by 2015 and achieving 30 percent renewable energy for municipal operations; For the entire community - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions 8 percent from 2000 levels by 2015 and achieving 5 percent renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor has adopted a Climate Action Plan to both mitigate and adapt to projected climate changes; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan includes recommendations to encourage electric vehicles (EV's) and EV infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the DDA has recently installed 18 publicly-available EV charging stations at city-owned parking structures which are already in heavy demand; and

WHEREAS, electric vehicles are of significant economic importance to Michigan because they are designed and manufactured by Michigan companies and Michigan is a center for advanced battery research and development; and

WHEREAS, the "Plug-In Ready Michigan, Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan" was recently completed with input from a wide range of stakeholders including city staff and other municipal officials, and includes recommendations and example model policies the city could adopt; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ann Arbor Energy Commission recommends that Ann Arbor City Council direct the City Administrator to review the city permit process, zoning code, website and other information provided to residents and developers and ensure that EV infrastructure installation is encouraged and that there are no inappropriate barriers; and

RESOLVED, the Ann Arbor Energy Commission recommends that Ann Arbor City Council direct the City Administrator to review the city's upcoming fleet purchases for possible additions of electric vehicles to the city fleet; and

RESOLVED, the Ann Arbor Energy Commission recommends that Ann Arbor City Council direct the City Administrator to work with the Energy Commission, DDA, UM and other stakeholders to develop a city-wide EV infrastructure plan for both city fleet and public use; and

RESOLVED, Ann Arbor Energy Commission recommends that the Ann Arbor City Council direct the City Administrator to report back to city council within six months on any barriers to EV infrastructure installation that would require further council actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ann Arbor Energy Commission recommends that Ann Arbor City Council urge the Governor, the Michigan Public Service Commission, and legislative leaders in Lansing to support municipalities in their efforts to become "Plug-in Electric Vehicle Ready." Such support should include, at a minimum: financial incentives for municipalities taking steps to become EV Ready, opportunities for aggregated purchases of EV's in state and local fleets, continuation of discounted electric rates for off-peak EV charging, and outreach and education on EV's and charging infrastructure.