

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission
FROM: Wendy Rampson, Planning Manager
DATE: April 20, 2015
SUBJECT: **Resolution Supporting Community Energy Resourcing**

PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby approves the "Resolution Supporting Community Energy Resourcing" dated April 20, 2015.

Chair Woods forwarded a resolution (attached) recently approved by both the Energy Commission and the Environmental Commission. The Energy Commission has requested that the Planning Commission support this resolution.

The Planning Commission bylaws, in Article III: Purpose, Objectives and Duties, state that the Planning Commission shall advise City Council on matters relating to the physical and environmental development of the City.

Attachment: Resolution Supporting Community Energy Resourcing

c: Sumedh Bahl, Community Services Administrator
City Attorney's Office
Systems Planning – Energy and Environment

Resolution Supporting Community Energy Resourcing

Whereas. The City of Ann Arbor has a longstanding commitment to energy conservation and efficiency dating back to 1981;

Whereas, the City of Ann Arbor recognizes the serious threat that climate change poses to the local environment, to our economy and to our residents' long term security, livelihoods, and quality of life;

Whereas, on December 17, 2012, the Ann Arbor City Council adopted the Ann Arbor Climate Action Plan with identifies steps to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to meet current short-term goals, and to set mid- and long-range targets for emissions reductions into the futures;

Whereas, several findings within the last year have pointed to evidence that the deleterious effects of GHG emissions are increasing at a more rapid rate than previously acknowledged, making rapid action on GHG emission reductions even more imperative;

Whereas, since the City of Ann Arbor municipal services produces only 1.2% of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions, achieving the Climate Action Plan's adopted targets requires participation from businesses and residents;

Whereas investing in energy efficiency has a direct economic benefit in the manufacturing, research and development, and service sectors as well as indirect benefits that come from utility savings that produce a multiplier effect that increases investment in local goods and services;

Whereas, the City of Ann Arbor has a real opportunity to provide a service to its residents and businesses to increase energy efficiency and reap the benefits associated with such awards, including better air quality, community health, economic stimulus and our quality of life while insuring that our city reaches the adopted GHG emission reduction targets to which it has committed;

Resolved: The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission recommends that the Ann Arbor City Council direct the City Administrator to analyze the current rate of progress toward the implementation of the Ann Arbor Climate Action Plan and provide an assessment of resources needed to develop additional programs, funding sources and actions to ensure its completion by 2025, as enacted.