

State of New York }
County of Westchester, } ss.:
City of New Rochelle, }

I, Bennie F. Giles, III, City Clerk of the City of New Rochelle, do hereby certify that I have compared the preceding Resolution No. 65 with the original Resolution No. 65 adopted at a meeting of the Council of the City of New Rochelle, held on the 13th day of April, 2009, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Official Seal of the City Of New Rochelle, this 8th day of April, 2010.



City Clerk

City of New Rochelle, N.Y.

Introduced On: 4/7/09

Introduced By:

Held:

Adopted:

No. 65

Council Members Louis J. Trangucci,
 Moved: Albert A. Tarantino, Jr., James C. Stowe,
 (and) Richard E. St. Paul, Barry R. Fertel,
 Seconded: Marianne L. Sussman and Mayor Noam Bramson

Dist	Member	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
1 st	Trangucci	✓			
2 nd	Tarantino	✓			
3 rd	Stowe	✓			
4 th	St. Paul	✓			
5 th	Fertel	✓			
6 th	Sussman	✓			
Mayor	Bramson	✓			

Approved As To Form: *[Signature]*

Corporation Counsel

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SUBJECT
OR
TITLE

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY PLEDGE FOR THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of New Rochelle believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments which is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of New Rochelle, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, pledges to undertake the following:

1. Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community

Set goals to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to predicted climatic changes. Designate a point person who will oversee climate change initiatives and publicly report on progress. Work

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cooperatively with neighboring communities to ensure that efforts complement and reinforce one another. As an official signal of commitment and for access to technical resources, sign on to a widespread climate campaign such as ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability - Climate Protection campaign.

2. Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, Move to Action

Gather data, inventory GHG gas emissions, and establish baselines for local government operations and community sectors. Develop quantifiable interim GHG emission targets consistent with emission reduction goals and propose a schedule and strategy to meet them. Encourage stakeholder and public input and develop an action plan. Report emissions to The Climate Registry (TCR), which has developed a standardized method for reporting emissions inventories; use ICLEI and TCR's tools to track and evaluate progress.

3. Decrease Energy Demand for Local Government Operations

Adopt a goal of significantly reducing electricity use no later than 2015.

- a) Existing Public Facilities. Inventory current building electricity usage and identify opportunities for conservation and efficiency retrofits. Obtain energy assessments from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the New York Power Authority, other professionals. Consider actions such as purchasing energy efficient equipment and appliances, such as ENERGY STAR®; improving lighting, heating, and cooling efficiency; setting thermostats for maximum energy conservation; and decreasing plug load from office equipment
- b) New Public Buildings. Strive to achieve at least minimum U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards (LEED Silver) for all new local government buildings.
- c) Infrastructure. Incorporate energy efficient technologies and operations and maintenance practices into municipal street lighting, and traffic signals.
- d) Vehicle Fleet and Commuting. Improve the average fuel efficiency of local government fleet vehicles. Discourage vehicle idling and encourage bicycling, car-pooling and public transit for employees. Consider reducing the number of vehicles; converting fleet vehicles to sustainable alternative fuels; and using electric vehicles where possible.

4. Encourage Renewable Energy for Local Government Operations

Supply as much of the local government's power, heat and hot water needs as practical and cost-effective from solar, wind, and small hydro through purchase or direct generation.

5. Realize Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices

Expand the "reduce, reuse and recycle" approach to waste management in local government operations and in the whole community. Reduce the amount of solid waste generated -- promote

backyard composting, implement volume-based pricing and educate residents on how to prevent waste. Provide recycling receptacles in local government buildings, require duplex printing in government offices, compost food scraps and green waste, and adopt a comprehensive green purchasing program.

6. Promote Climate Protection through Community Land Use Planning

Combat climate change by encouraging low-emissions development that is resilient to climatic changes. When updating land use policies, building codes or community plans, include provisions to combat climate change; reduce sprawl; preserve and protect open space, biodiversity, and water supplies; promote compact, transit-oriented, bikeable and walkable communities; promote infill development; minimize new development in floodplains; maintain or establish healthy community forests; and promote best forest management practices and encourage tree planting, especially along waterways, to increase shading and to absorb carbon dioxide.

7. Plan for Adaptation to Unavoidable Climate Change

Evaluate risks from unavoidable climate change, set adaptation goals and plan for adaptation. Identify climate change impacts (such as flooding, drought, and extreme temperatures) that could affect the community. Identify areas such as water supply and sewer infrastructure that may be at risk due to sea-level rise and future changes in climate. Factor risks into long-term investments and decision-making. Execute climate change adaptation and preparedness measures through local government planning, development and operations, giving priority to the highest risk areas.

8. Support a Green Innovation Economy

Identify opportunities to incorporate climate protection, sustainability and environmental goods and service industries into economic development plans. Encourage workforce development training and school curricula that support the emerging green collar job sector, including renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as climate smart solid waste management practices. Procure climate smart goods and services for local government operations and support modernizing of local and national electricity grids.

9. Inform and Inspire the Public

Lead by example. Highlight local government commitment to reducing energy use, saving tax dollars, and adapting to changing conditions. Demonstrate the benefits of energy savings, energy efficiency, and renewable energy projects through actions such as hosting open houses; distributing fliers; holding local meetings; working with school districts, colleges, and universities to develop climate change curricula and programs; engaging faith-based communities in climate protection; and regularly communicating community climate protection goals and progress to constituents.

10. Commit to an Evolving Process

Acknowledge that research and policy on climate protection are constantly improving and

evolving. Be willing to consider new ideas and commit to update plans and policies as needed. Compare successes, cooperate and collaborate with neighboring communities to redirect less-effective actions and amplify positive results.

Authenticated and certified)
this 13th day of April, 2009)

NOAM BRAMSON, Mayor
DOROTHY ALLEN, City Clerk