

THE CITY OF FREDERICK  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

RESOLUTION NO: 20-07

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

Climate Emergency

WHEREAS, our present climate crisis poses an immediate and long-term threat to the well-being of all communities, including The City of Frederick; and

WHEREAS, the adverse impacts of climate change test our infrastructure, emergency and social services; influence our access to food, water, and energy; disrupt commerce and our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the harm already caused by climate change demonstrates the effect temperature changes have had on ecological stability and safety, as attested by increased wildfires, floods, rising seas, climate refugees, diseases, droughts, and the ongoing mass extinction of species due to these changes; and

WHEREAS, restoring a safer and more stable climate requires an emergency mobilization on a grand scale locally, regionally, and nationally to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions within a few decades, to improve carbon sequestration, and to implement measures to protect all people and nature from the adverse consequences of abrupt climate change.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK** that The City of Frederick declares that a climate emergency threatens our city, state, nation, civilization and the natural world.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The City of Frederick commits to considering all significant actions through the lens of climate change.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The City of Frederick commits to equitable climate emergency mobilization efforts to address global warming, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from 2010 levels by 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050, and employ all efforts to safely drawdown carbon from the atmosphere.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The City of Frederick underscores the need for full community participation and support in this effort and thus the Board of Aldermen will establish an ad hoc Climate Emergency Mobilization Workgroup to be comprised of scientific and academic experts, engaged stakeholders, and relevant City Departments.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within one year of the adoption of this resolution, the Climate Emergency Mobilization Workgroup will submit its findings to the Board of Aldermen with recommendations of actions and accountability measures that will meet the goals of this resolution and the Climate Action Plan.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The City of Frederick commits to communicating with and educating our residents about the climate emergency, including the efforts of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Workgroup.

ADOPTED and APPROVED, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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