

RESOLUTION NO. 020-21R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SANDUSKY TO BECOME A POWER A CLEAN FUTURE OHIO COMMUNITY AND TO ADOPT A GOAL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN THE CITY; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AS CONTAINED IN AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, Power a Clean Future Ohio (PCFO) aims to provide Ohio communities support on the pathway to carbon emission reduction based upon implementing practical policies specific to Ohio communities of different sizes and capabilities and due to the multiple environmental, economic and social dimensions of the policies, leadership is needed to oversee implementation and integration with other city and community activities as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Power a Clean Future Ohio is an expansive, diverse coalition engaging with cities and local governments across the state of Ohio to build a clean future for our communities, and empowers local leaders with tools and resources to create carbon reduction plans and implement them in ways that are achievable, measurable, equitable, and economical; and

WHEREAS, steps taken toward carbon emissions also aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and carbon emission reductions and cost savings through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; and through economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency and quality of life; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty in energy prices and the transition away from fossil fuel energy sources present new challenges and opportunities to both the City of Sandusky and to the economic health of its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, climate changes have been observed in Ohio and have the potential to negatively impact local, regional and state economies; infrastructure development; habitat; ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose flooding, drought and health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Power a Clean Future Ohio provides cost-effective sustainable development policies in the following four categories: (1) Renewable

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Energy; (2) Energy Efficiency; (3) Transportation Electrification; and (4) Land Use; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to join Power a Clean Future Ohio (PCFO) by passage of this Resolution and commits to a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the City of Sandusky by 30% by 2030 below 2010 levels; and

WHEREAS, the City will select a PCFO Coordinator to develop a plan during FY 2021 that lays out a roadmap for the City to achieve this goal and to proactively seek input from the community in developing this plan and prioritize the lowest cost measures identified in the plan to meet energy needs to be mindful of the use of taxpayer dollars and any impact of consumers' personal expenses; and

WHEREAS, the PCFO Coordinator will facilitate the involvement of community members in an equitable way and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of PCFO policies and to provide feedback once a year on how well PCFO is serving the City and on City needs from the program; and

WHEREAS, the City will will work at its own pace toward implementing any policies from two (2) of the PCFO policy categories that will result in carbon emission reductions, cost savings, and quality of life improvement; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of Municipal Departments, including the Department of Community Development, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio and, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission hereby approves the City's participate in Power a Clean Future Ohio that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework and allows the City of Sandusky to be recognized as a Power a Clean Future Community.

Section 2. This City Commission appoints the Director of Community Development or his/her designee to serve as the City's PCFO coordinator for implementation and the City Manager may create a PCFO coordination team and appoint members thereto.

Section 3. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent

provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance shall take effect under suspension of the rules as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of The City Commission.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST: _____
MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: April 26, 2021 (effective after 30 days)