

**RESOLUTION FOR POLICYMAKING TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS AND
COUNTERACT CLIMATE CHANGE**

WHEREAS the City of South Burlington joined the State of Vermont and other communities and businesses in the Vermont Climate Pledge Coalition and pledged to meet or exceed the obligations for the United States in the Paris Agreement; and,

WHEREAS the City acknowledges the implications of CO2 emissions and their effect on climate change and its consequent effects on its citizens' quality of life, health, safety, and economic well-being and,

WHEREAS it is in the City's best interests to pursue energy efficiencies and reduce fossil fuel consumption, and

WHEREAS, the City hired an energy projects manager and pursued a number of key projects reducing our energy and carbon footprints.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Burlington City Council adopts the reduction of South Burlington's carbon footprint as an extremely important effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff and the Council will immediately task a committee to work with the CCRPC and the Vermont Climate Council on the Climate Action Plans and invite all members of the community to participate in creating a Plan with specific actions for South Burlington that conform to current science in support of the City's commitments as set forth herein and as stated in the supporting documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff and the Council, with the help of its advisory committees will strive to take actions based on the Climate Action Plan by preparing and adopting regulations, preparing capital budgets and annual work programs, and forming citizen committees as needed, to reflect this mission by accounting for greenhouse gas emissions and climate impacts when making any significant decisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City's Chief Sustainability Officer will annually report to the City Council on the progress that the City is making on enacting the Climate Action Plan using standard tools and metrics and will verify that the City appropriately factors climate impacts into all applicable actions and decisions.

Signed, this 23rd day of July, 2021.



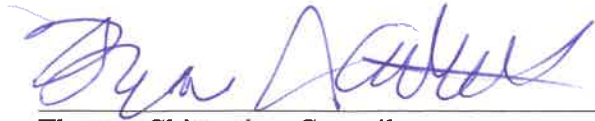
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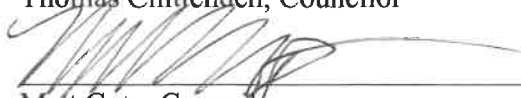
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