

RESOLUTION NO. 833-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY, WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING A GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION POLICY

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has recognized the importance of addressing the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions on a state and local level through the setting of emissions reduction goals and the enactment of supporting legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sedro-Woolley supports efforts and actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and result in enriched quality of life and environmental stability for its citizens, surrounding communities and the state as a whole through benefits such as reduced energy consumption and costs, air quality enhancement, improved transportation choices, economic development, green space preservation, job creation through resource conservation and the expansion of new technologies, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Sedro-Woolley will strive to set goals, enact policies and take actions which reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated from or furthered by its own internal operations or those of the community it serves. Initial efforts in support of this resolution may consist of the following:

1. Continue to adopt and enforce land-use policies that preserve and, where possible, improve air and water quality, soils and natural systems, reduce sprawl, reserve open space and create compact, walk-able and bike-able neighborhoods and urban communities;
2. Maintain healthy and vibrant urban open spaces which incorporate native landscaping and trees to absorb CO₂, recycled and reused materials to reduce resource and energy use and encourage access via non-motorized forms of transportation;
3. Encourage development patterns and outcomes which reduce the need for new public facilities and/or utilize existing infrastructure such as high-density, mixed-use, infill development and creative reuse of brownfield, underutilized, and/or defunct properties within the urban area;
4. Promote the maintenance and expansion of multi-modal transportation options and amenities such as public transit corridors and an interconnected system of bicycle lanes, paths, sidewalks and trails;
5. Support commute trip and work trip reduction programs which encourage carpooling, bicycling, mass-transit, telecommuting, flex-hours, alternative schedules and other innovative solutions aimed at reducing vehicle miles traveled and single-occupancy vehicles;

6. Prioritize cost-effective energy efficiency and resource conservation in the design and construction of publicly funded buildings, infrastructure, building code updates and facility retrofits;
7. Encourage energy conservation practices in buildings and in the use and maintenance of vehicles and equipment by raising the awareness of city employees, community businesses and citizens through outreach, education and training;
8. Seek opportunities to use pollutant reducing alternative energy sources and cleaner fuels in City operations and encourage similar efforts in the community;
9. Monitor the efficiency of the pumps and other equipment in infrastructure systems and operate and maintain them at peak efficiency;
10. Employ a triple bottom line approach to purchasing choices, project planning and feasibility studies and procedures, practices and operations decisions;
11. Purchase Energy Star equipment and appliances as well as recycled and recyclable goods for City use and when cost effective options are presented, the one using the least amount of energy and/or producing the lowest levels of greenhouse gas emissions shall be preferred;
12. Promote and expand waste stream attenuation in City operations and in the community by supporting reduction, reuse and recycling efforts and programs;
13. When allowed by the applicable building codes and construction specifications, encourage deconstruction versus demolition and the use of recycled and recyclable materials and other substances containing the lowest practical levels of embodied energy;
14. Encourage the use of local business resources and locally produced products to stimulate the regional economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions impacts resulting from the transportation and shipping of goods and services;
15. Prioritize transportation and development projects that will contribute to a reduction in vehicle miles traveled per capita while maintaining economic vitality and sustainability;
16. Utilize a variety of media to recognize achievements, publicize incentive programs, encourage energy and resource conservation actions and greenhouse gas emissions reduction efforts all in an attempt to raise public awareness of the value and benefits derived from such programs and endeavors;
17. Increase collaboration with state, regional and local public interest groups, government agencies, citizens and stakeholders to ensure that local climate action, land use, housing and transportation plans are aligned with, support and enhance any regional plans that have been developed consistent with state guidance to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.


PASSED by majority vote of the members of the Sedro-Woolley City Council this 25th day of August, 2010, and signed in authentication of its passage this 26th day of August, 2010.


Mike Anderson, Mayor

Attest:


Patsy Nelson, Finance Director

Approved as to form:


Eron Berg, City Attorney