

RESOLUTION NO. 35494

BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER EVANS

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2 WHEREAS scientific evidence indicates that 85 percent of the United
3 States greenhouse gases ("GHG") are produced by energy consumption and
4 that GHG released into the atmosphere are having a profound effect on the
5 earth's climate, and

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7 WHEREAS GHG and global warming represent a clear and increasingly
8 imminent danger to the world's economic and environmental health, and

9 WHEREAS extreme weather events caused over \$25 billion worth of
10 damage in the United States in the last five years, much of which was
11 shouldered by local governments, and

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13 WHEREAS local governments greatly influence their communities'
14 energy consumption by their land use, transportation, building construction,
15 waste management, and, in many cases, energy supply and management
16 actions, and

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18 WHEREAS 117 cities in the United States are "thinking globally and
19 acting locally" to implement policies and programs that will reduce GHG, and

20 WHEREAS local action to reduce GHG emissions is consistent with
21 Tacoma's environmental commitment and its policy objectives, including energy
22 conservation programs, reduction in traffic congestion, improving local air
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1 quality, salmon recovery, urban forestation projects, waste reduction programs,
2 and fuel efficient fleets; Now, Therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

4 That the City will take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency
5 and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations wherever
6 possible by:

- 7 1. Investing in efficient fleet vehicles that reduce the amount of fossil
8 fuel resources consumed by the City.
- 9 2. Continuing to expand the use of alternative fuel sources that reduce
10 pollutants and emissions, such as our "biodiesel" refuse truck fleet.
- 11 3. Implementing creative, efficient, and effective recycling programs for
12 the community.
- 13 4. Ongoing recovery of methane gases at the City's landfill.
- 14 5. Promoting alternatives to single passenger vehicle use such as
15 employee bus passes, ride sharing, etc.
- 16 6. Assessing our municipal buildings for possible retrofitting to make
17 them more energy efficient.
- 18 7. Amending our building codes for increased energy efficient standards
19 where possible.
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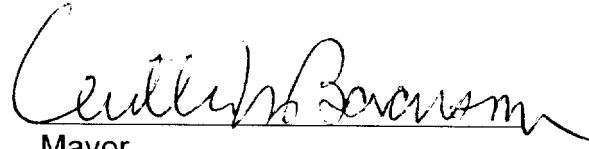
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8. Expanding the amount of Green Power in our Utility portfolio.

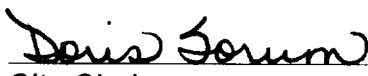
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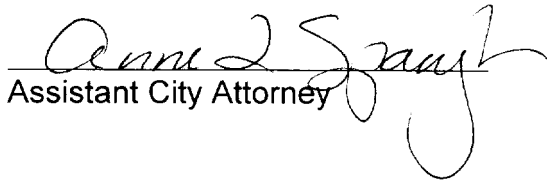
Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:



Assistant City Attorney

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REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION

CITY CLERK USE

Request #:

Ordinance #:

Resolution #:

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1. DATE: APRIL 10, 2002

2. REQUESTING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION/PROGRAM City Manager's Office for Council Member Evans	3. CONTACT PERSON (for questions): Judith Lorbeir	PHONE/EXTENSION 5310
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4. PREPARATION OF RESOLUTION IS REQUESTED FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2002

5. SUMMARY TITLE/RECOMMENDATION: (A concise sentence, as it will appear on the Council Agenda)

The City of Tacoma resolves to take a leadership role in the reduction of greenhouse gases from municipal operations wherever possible.

6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION/GENERAL DISCUSSION: (Why is this request necessary? Are there legal requirements? What are the viable alternatives? Who has been involved in the process?)

Scientific evidence indicates that 85% of greenhouse gases in the United States are produced by energy consumption and local governments greatly influence their community's energy consumption by their programs and policies. Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions is consistent with Tacoma's environmental commitment to clean air and conservation and this resolution lists several municipal activities that would increase energy efficiency.

7. FINANCIAL IMPACT: (Future impact on the budget.)

Implementation of these operations will be, in part, dependent on the City's budget.

8. LIST ALL MATERIAL AVAILABLE AS BACKUP INFORMATION FOR THE REQUEST AND INDICATE WHERE FILED:

Source Documents/Backup Material

Location of Document

Global Warming and Greenhouse Gas Emissions file

CMO, Environmental Coordinator's office

9. FUNDING SOURCE: (Enter amount of funding from each source)

Fund Number & Name:	State \$	City \$	Other \$	Total Amount
N/A				

If an expenditure, is it budgeted? Yes No Where? Org # Acct #

10. ATTORNEY CONTACT: (Enter Name of Attorney that you've been working with)

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11. Department Director/Utility Division Approval	Approved as to Availability of Funds Director of Finance	City Manager/Director Utilities Approval
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Adopted: APR 23 2002

Maker of Motion: McGavick

Seconded: Miller

Roll Call Vote:

MEMBERS	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Evans	✓			
Ms. Ladenburg	✓			
Mr. Lonergan	✓			
Dr. McGavick	✓			
Mr. Miller	✓			
Ms. Moss	✓			
Mr. Phelps	✓			
Mr. Talbert	✓			
Mayor Baarsma	✓			

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