

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION POLICY THAT WILL BENEFIT ITS NATURAL RESOURCES AND REDUCE THE EMISSION OF GREENHOUSE GASES.

WHEREAS, state, regional and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs and that this leadership is non-partisan and coming from governors, county officials, and mayors alike; and

WHEREAS, many local governments throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing the production of global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits, such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy; and

WHEREAS, the City may lose opportunities by not having a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policy adopted, including eligibility for certain loans or grants to, in part, finance future public works capital improvements; and

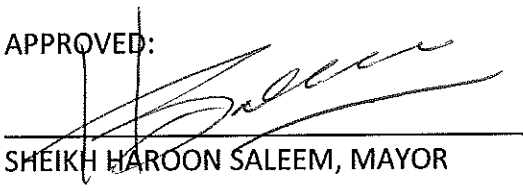
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts a Greenhouse Emissions Reduction policy hereby attached as Exhibit "A".

PASSED by the City Council this 20th day of July, 2011.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 20 day of July, 2011.

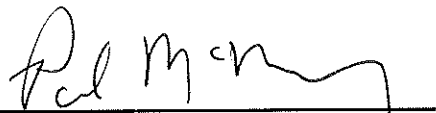
APPROVED:


SHEIKH HAROON SALEEM, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


DARLA REESE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul McMurray", written over a horizontal line.

PAUL MCMURRAY, CITY ATTORNEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 7/11/11

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 7/20/11

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EXHIBIT A

PURPOSE

State, regional and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs.

Many local governments throughout the nation are reducing the production of global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy.

The adoption of a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policy by the City of Granite Falls may improve the City's eligibility for certain loans and/or grants to fund future public works capital improvements.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the City of Granite Falls to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

REFERENCES

City of Granite Falls Public Works Standards, latest version.

City of Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan, latest version.

Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington, latest version.

PROCEDURE

- Maximize the reduction of vehicle miles traveled.
- Limit resources required to conduct business, including electricity and structures.
- Minimize the use of printed materials to the extent possible.
- Reduce energy consumption in buildings and infrastructure.
- Promote and support the generation and use of alternative energy.
- Reduce consumption of fossil fuels associated with equipment procurement.
- Support workforce commute trip reduction.
- Promote and support development patterns that encourage compact and transit-friendly communities and protect natural resources.