

Resolution No. 2109

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX JOINING WITH JURISDICTIONS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD IN THE CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, based on scientific evidence that carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases (ghg) released into the atmosphere are having a profound effect on the Earth's climate, the United States joined with 160 countries and signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which calls on nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, e.g. coal, oil, and gas, accounts for more than 85% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly influence their community's energy usage by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, building construction, waste management, and, in many cases, energy supply and management; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multitude local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the City government, its businesses and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has invited the Town of Fairfax to become a partner in the Campaign;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfax pledges to join with jurisdictions from all over the world in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, Fairfax pledges to:

1. Take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations;
2. Develop and implement a local action plan which describes the steps your community will take to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions; the plan will include:
 - a greenhouse gas emissions analysis and forecast to determine the source and quantity of GHG emissions within the jurisdiction;
 - a CO₂ or greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
 - the strategy for meeting your jurisdiction's greenhouse gas

reduction target, e.g. an outline of the programs and measures that will be implemented to achieve the target.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 4th day of January, 2,000, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Brandborg, Caldararo, Ghiringhelli, Tremaine, Mayor Egger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR