

A motion was made by Alderman Slade, seconded by Alderman Foushee, that the following resolution be approved:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CLIMATE ACTION GOALS
AND BUDGET PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro's standard for setting climate action goals is defined in the 2009 RESOLUTION TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY IN A SOCIALLY JUST MANNER FOR CARRBORO'S PORTION OF CO₂ IN THE ATMOSPHERE; TOWARD GETTING THE ATMOSPHERE BACK TO A SAFE LEVEL BELOW 350 PPM OF CO₂; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 resolution resolved that "The Town of Carrboro will seek, and will facilitate the community at large, to cut CO₂ emissions by its proportion of the amount which is required to stabilize the climate back to less than 350 ppm of CO₂ in the atmosphere in time for a 90% probability for success as defined by the most up to date scientific consensus;" and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has been implementing the municipal Energy and Climate Protection Plan (ECPP) since its adoption in May 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has been implementing the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) since the plan was adopted on January 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, carbon sequestration by trees, water and soil is a necessary component for addressing the climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, Orange County designated a portion of a recent property tax for use in climate change mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the largest share of global greenhouse gas emissions emitted since the industrial revolution come from the United States, and cumulative emissions are the critical factor behind the warming we are experiencing today; and

WHEREAS, climate change is an existential threat and an emergency; reports and predictions are always trending for the worse, the time window for action continually shrinks and the probabilities of having passed a point of no return are constantly increasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen directs the Town Manager to charge staff to work with the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) to review the carbon reduction goals in the ECPP and CCAP, and for both staff and the EAB to recommend changes as may be needed to achieve goals defined in the 2009 climate resolution cited above, recognizing the latest science and historical responsibilities for climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen directs the Town Manager to charge staff to work with the EAB to identify substitutions to or additional activities or projects and their estimated CO₂ reductions, and for both staff and the EAB to recommend such changes to include within the Town's Climate Plans, in order to more effectively reach the

Town's climate reduction goals, while also recognizing principles of race and equity and climate justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen directs the Town Manager to charge staff to update cost estimations of current and proposed projects and activities, and develop a 10 year annual climate emergency budget proposal for implementing updated climate action plan goals and related activities and projects for consideration by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen beginning in the FY 2020-21 budget cycle, and annually thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Aldermen will assess the recommended climate plan updates and budget based by cost, ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions per the Town's carbon reduction goals, and implications for race and equity and climate justice for final inclusion in the Town's FY 2020-21 budget and annually thereafter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Alderman directs the Town Manager to charge staff to leverage resources from Orange County, the State of North Carolina and the Federal government, when these are available, for helping achieve the Town's goals and for offsetting costs when possible.

This, the 25th day of June 2019.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Bethany Chaney, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Sammy Slade

I, Catherine Dorando, Town Clerk for the Town of Carrboro, NC do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.




Town Clerk