



**COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 20540**

**COUNCIL BILL 5124**

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AND ADDING SECTIONS 6.675, 6.680, 6.685, AND 6.690  
TO THE EUGENE CODE, 1971.**

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**THE CITY OF EUGENE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Sections 6.675, 6.680, 6.685, and 6.690 of the Eugene Code, 1971, are added to provide as follows:

**6.675**     **Climate Recovery – Climate Action Goals.** The city shall carry out the requirements of sections 6.680 through 6.690 of this code in order to achieve the following goals:

- (1) By the year 2020, all city-owned facilities and city operations shall be carbon neutral, either by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to zero, or, if necessary, by funding of verifiable local greenhouse gas reduction projects and programs or the purchase of verifiable carbon offsets for any remaining greenhouse gas emissions.
- (2) By the year 2030, the city organization shall reduce its use of fossil fuels by 50% compared to 2010 usage.
- (3) By the year 2030, all businesses, individuals and others living or working in the city collectively shall reduce the total (not per capita) use of fossil fuels by 50% compared to 2010 usage.

**6.680**     **Climate Recovery – Assessment.** Within six months of \_\_\_\_ [*effective date of this ordinance*], the city manager or the manager’s designee shall complete an assessment of current efforts to reach the climate action goals. The assessment shall include a review and analysis of the following:

- (1) Trends in current energy use for the community and for city operations and facilities; and
- (2) Progress in implementing the community climate and energy action plan and the internal climate action plan.

**6.685**     **Climate Recovery – Targets & Benchmarks.** To reach the climate action goals, the city council shall establish numerical targets and benchmarks, and take other actions that the council determines are necessary, for achieving the required reductions through the following steps:

- (1) Within 12 months of \_\_\_\_ [*effective date of this ordinance*], the city manager shall propose for adoption by the city council the following targets and benchmarks:

- (a) Numerical greenhouse gas and fossil fuel reduction targets equivalent to achieving the related goals; and
  - (b) Two-year and five-year benchmarks for reaching the numerical targets.
- (2) The city manager shall propose for adoption by the city council, a numerical community-wide goal or “carbon budget” for greenhouse gas emission reductions consistent with achieving 350 parts per million of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere by the year 2100. The community-wide goal shall include numerical targets and associated benchmarks.
- (3) The city manager shall adopt administrative rules pursuant to section 2.019 of this code that establish a specified baseline amount and appropriate greenhouse gas inventory methodology.
- (4) When the city manager prepares options for council consideration pursuant to this section, including options for meeting the goals, the manager shall include a triple bottom line assessment of the options including a cost-benefit analysis.

**6.690**     **Climate Recovery – Reporting.** Following council adoption of the numerical targets and benchmarks, the city manager shall report to the city council on progress in reaching adopted climate action goals as follows:

- (1) Provide a progress report every two years.
- (2) Provide a comprehensive report every five years that includes an assessment of greenhouse gas emission reductions to date and the status in reaching the established targets and benchmarks. If the five-year comprehensive report indicates that the city is not reaching the adopted targets and benchmarks, the city manager or the manager’s designee shall:
  - (a) Conduct an analysis of possible actions to get back on track to achieve the next adopted benchmark, together with a triple bottom line analysis of those options.
  - (b) Develop for council consideration potential revisions to the plan that reflect the necessary actions to achieve the next adopted benchmark.
- (3) Update the community climate and energy action plan and the internal climate action plan every five years, which shall be based on the updated greenhouse gas inventory.

**Section 2.** The City Recorder, at the request of, or with the consent of the City Attorney, is authorized to administratively correct any reference errors contained herein,

or in other provisions of the Eugene Code, 1971, to the provisions added, amended or repealed herein.

Passed by the City Council this

28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014

Beth Forrest  
City Recorder

Approved by the Mayor this

29 day of July, 2014

Kathy Peiray  
Mayor