

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-565**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG ADOPTING POLICY TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND ENHANCE ENERGY CONSERVATION.**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 70.235.070 requires entities applying for a distribution of capital funds through competitive programs for infrastructure and economic development projects to adopt policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desired to optimize the City's eligibility to receive capital funding that will improve and enhance public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has expressed its intent to have the City take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and promoting environmental stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the principles, practices and methods of reducing greenhouse gas emissions do not conflict with the City's efforts to reduce waste and inefficiency in the use and expense of City resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**POLICY:** The City will publicly encourage and endeavor to employ in its general operations energy conservation practices that result in the reduction of greenhouse gas emission. This will be implemented by:

1. Encouraging energy conservation practices in buildings by raising awareness of City employees' own energy use.
2. Promoting in partnership with applicable energy providers weatherization programs for existing buildings and providing information to all citizens of available weatherization assistance programs.
3. Conducting energy audits of publicly owned buildings, evaluating potential conservation measures, and carrying out appropriate and affordable measures to reduce energy consumption.
4. Encouraging City employees to utilize commute trip reduction methods such as ride-sharing, van-pooling, walking, and bicycling.
5. Publicizing energy conservation actions to raise public awareness of the value of wise energy use.
6. Continuing to provide safe and convenient access for pedestrians and bicyclists to, across, and along the City's major arterials and priority streets.
7. Adopting purchasing practices and standards that support reduction in greenhouse gas emissions including preferences for products made from recycled materials, energy-efficient office equipment, and manufacturers that have implemented green management practices.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Walt Gobel, Mayor

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Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney