

RESOLUTION 124
City of St. Louis Sustainability Plan

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Sustainability Office recently released a Climate Adaptation Plan for the City that details the strategies to achieve an 80 percent reduction in citywide greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS, clean energy sources such as wind are now more affordable than fossil fuel sources throughout much of our state; and energy efficiency measures that drive down energy demand are the most cost effective means to reduce fossil fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, high energy costs pose an economic burden to low income families as well as many small businesses within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has some of the highest adolescent asthma rates in the country and is considered one of the top 20 smoggiest cities in the country; childhood asthma is the number one cause of emergency room visits for school age children within the City; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is one of the fastest growing employment sectors and creates opportunities for good local jobs within the city; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation have made commitments to transition to 100 percent clean energy and St. Louis strives to remain a leader among its peer cities.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis authorizes the City's Sustainability Plan and calls for the City to commit to transition to 100 percent clean energy in the form of wind and solar and energy efficiency measures within the electricity sector by 2035. The Board of Aldermen requests that the City develops a plan by December 2018 to meet the clean energy goal through a transparent and inclusive stakeholder process which includes community members as well as representatives from organizations representing labor, faith, social justice, environmental justice, frontline communities and those most impacted by our current energy systems, public health and the environment, economic development, utility sector, clean energy sector, universities and academic institutions, business, housing, employment services, low income advocates, government, and any other relevant groups.

Introduced this 8th day of September, 2017 by:

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward
The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward
The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman, 23rd Ward
Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman, 28th Ward

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2017 as attested by:

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Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen