

Resolution 2018-02  
RESOLUTION OF  
THE HOOD RIVER CITY COUNCIL, HOOD RIVER,  
OREGON

**ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENT TO THE HOOD RIVER COUNTY ENERGY PLAN**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HOOD RIVER CITY COUNCIL WHICH DEMONSTRATES A SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF HOOD RIVER CITY GOVERNMENT (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS "The City") TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES, GUIDELINES, GOALS, AND STRATEGIC ACTIONS TO PROMOTE A HOOD RIVER COUNTY ENERGY PLAN.**

This Resolution is a commitment to the Hood River County Energy Plan's blueprint to improve community resilience, increase energy independence, and increase economic benefits related to energy use in Hood River County while reducing emissions from the burning of fossil fuels.

The scope addresses the energy generated or used within Hood River County. It includes objectives and strategies to address energy use efficiency, energy source and its corresponding fossil fuel implications, local energy generation, energy impacts of personal, commercial and mass transit, and the infrastructure decisions impacting energy use. Specifically, the plan addresses four focus areas:

- Buildings Design Construction and Occupancy
- Transportation and Land Use
- Agriculture and Water
- Community-Scale Solutions

All objectives, strategies, and potential actions aim to help Hood River County increase investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, achieve energy generation control, stability and price security, and provide key services in the event of emergency.

WHEREAS, the City of Hood River has a long-standing history of energy efficiency and renewable energy development — as a means to reduce energy costs, hedge our bets against rising energy costs in the future, and increase our community's resilience to warming temperatures and disasters, both natural and human caused.

WHEREAS, Climate change threatens to significantly impact the surrounding natural environment and resources on which Hood River County's economy and livability depends.

WHEREAS, Warming temperatures are already impacting Hood River County vanishing snowpack, declining stream flows, severe storms, prolonged drought, and increasing wildfire risks threaten public health, food security, business supply chains, recreation, tourism, and quality of life — and these impacts are projected to become much more severe in coming decades.

WHEREAS, The threat of man-made and natural disasters — ranging from oil train derailments to wildfires to earthquakes — is more imminent than ever and the county's dependence on out-of-state energy makes us vulnerable during emergencies as well as to volatile price changes from national and international markets.

WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to look at our energy use — one of the community's biggest expenses — and determine ways to more efficiently and cost-effectively procure and consume it.

WHEREAS, The energy industry is rapidly changing and there are increasing opportunities to invest in an

energy future that provides good, local jobs, generates clean power, saves taxpayers money, and could allow the county to be a refuge in times of emergency.

WHEREAS, Recognizing that the ability to solve these complex problems requires collaboration and communication with public and private partners, the City of Hood River joined local partners and stakeholder to work together to develop the Hood River County Energy Plan. The specific overarching goals of the plan are as follows:

1. Reduce fossil fuel emissions related to energy use in Hood River County. Specifically, replace 30%, 50%, 80% power generated from fossil fuels with clean, renewable energy in buildings, water systems, and transportation by 2030, 2040 and 2050 respectively, as compared with 2016 levels.
2. Improve resilience and energy independence. Specifically, generate 50% of the county's energy needs with local, diversified energy sources and storage capacity by 2050. Increase overall capacity, price security, energy generation control and stability, and provide key services in the event of emergency.
3. Increase investment in locally produced power. Specifically, strategically develop and utilize \$25 million in revolving funds by 2025 to enable local clean energy projects and create a business environment that supports the Hood River County Energy Plan goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hood River will work with others supporting this plan to address the three goals as outlined in the plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hood River will use the Hood River County Energy Plan as a guiding document and, when determined appropriate, incorporate the Energy Plan's goals, strategies and actions into, but not limited to, the following types of plans: Comprehensive Plans, Water Master Plans, Master Plans (parks, buildings, storm-water etc), Regional Transportation Plans, City Land Use Code, City Building Department Permitting Fee Structure and SDC Fee Structure and Utility Plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager will aspire as part of ongoing strategic planning efforts to keep Hood River City Councilors aware of the goals, guiding principles, and action strategies provided in the Hood River County Energy Plan for city operations; and

AND FINALLY BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city through all the initiatives described above hereby acknowledges its commitment to the residents of the City of Hood River to provide a more stable, resilient energy future for its residents.

Adopted by the City Council this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, and effective immediately.



Kate McBride, Council President



Jennifer Gray, City Recorder