CCM-101

City of Cambridge

Agenda Item #1

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 24, 1999

WHEREAS: Based on scientific evidence that carbon dioxide (CO_2) and other greenhouse gases (ghg) released into the atmosphere are having a profound effect on the Earth's climate, the United States joined with 160 countries and signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which calls on nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS: Energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, e.g. coal, oil and gas, accounts for more than 85% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS: Local governments greatly influence their community's energy usage by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, building construction, waste management, and, in many cases, energy supply and management; and

WHEREAS: Local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the City government, its businesses and its citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has invited the City of Cambridge to become a partner in the Campaign;

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby resolves that the City of Cambridge pledges to join with jurisdictions from all over the world in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, Cambridge pledges to:

1. Take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations;

2. Develop and implement a local action plan which describes steps Cambridge will take to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions; the plan will include:

   - a greenhouse gas emissions analysis and forecast to determine the source and quantity of ghg emissions within the City;
   - A CO_2 or green house gas emission reduction target;
   - The strategy for meeting the City's ghg reduction target.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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City Clerk