

**URBANA SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE MAYOR CONSIDER A FUNDING SOURCE FOR
ENERGY AND CLIMATE WORK**

WHEREAS, The City of Urbana has resolved to work towards 100% renewable energy by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2040 community-wide; and

WHEREAS, The City of Urbana has achieved XXX percent of residential renewable energy purchases through the Municipal Aggregation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Urbana has exhausted most no/low cost, low-hanging-fruit options for reducing carbon pollution; and

WHEREAS, Council goals also include reducing racial and economic injustice; and

WHEREAS, Council goals also include economic development implying economic competitiveness, and

WHEREAS, Sustainability Advisory Commission advises and makes recommendations pertaining to local environmental sustainability and issues of climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE URBANA SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The Sustainability Advisory Commission recommends the Mayor to assign staff to propose to City Council a funding source for energy and climate work. Such a proposal should balance greenhouse gas reduction, carbon sequestration, environmental justice, and tax parity with City of Champaign, and should levy any proposed tax on a carbon intensive commodity or activity.

Section. 2.

The Sustainability Advisory Commission recommends that any staff assigned to investigate funding sources for energy and climate work consider increasing the existing motor fuel tax \$0.005 generating an estimated \$93,500 per year in Urbana, contingent on the City of Champaign doing the same to maintain relative gasoline tax parity. Urbana's present motor fuel tax is \$0.05 while Champaign's present motor fuel tax is \$0.04.

Section. 3.

The Sustainability Advisory Commission recommends that any staff assigned to investigate funding sources for renewable energy and climate work consider general guidelines for the use of the funds including energy efficiency, clean transportation, renewable energy, and carbon sequestration, with some portion of funds directed towards education and environmental, economic, and racial justice goals. An example of such a goal would be cost efficient weatherization of homes in low-income neighborhoods, especially if the work were contracted with local minority- and women-owned contractors.

PASSED by the City of Council this ___ day of _____, 2018.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAINS: _____

DRAFT VERSION