



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 55

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by City Council on June 19, 2019

Allentown City Council authorizes the Controller's Office and the EAC to conduct a comprehensive carbon footprint of the city and calls upon the EAC to devise a climate action plan to be developed and present to council no later than December 2019.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is an unequivocal fact; and

WHEREAS, the planet's average surface temperature has risen about 1.62 degrees Fahrenheit (0.9 degrees Celsius) since the late 19th century, a change driven largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, most of the warming occurred in the past 35 years, with the five warmest years on record taking place since 2010; and

WHEREAS, human generated greenhouse gas emission from fossil fuel combustion is a major cause; and

WHEREAS, we are experiencing warming oceans, shrinking ice sheets, retreating glaciers, increases in sea level, ocean acidification and extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, climate change is the foremost existential threat (along with Donald Trump) to the global community today; and

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council supports local solutions to deal with climate change.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT Allentown City Council hereby asks for the Controller's Office and the EAC to conduct a comprehensive carbon footprint of the city and calls upon the EAC to devise a climate action plan to be developed and present to council no later than December 2019.