

RESOLUTION NO. 31540

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF
CHATTANOOGA 2023 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga has a history of proactive planning and leadership in sustainability, including adopting the 2009 Chattanooga Climate Action Plan, participating in the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Challenge, and creating the 2020 Regional Resilience Report; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga is poised to establish itself as a regional and national leader in attracting and growing the "green" economy of the future, including being the home to Volkswagen's all electric SUV and the nation's first domestic manufacturer of clean battery materials; and

WHEREAS, natural resources are the core of Chattanooga's international reputation, a major driver of economic activity, and an essential resource for the health and well-being of all Chattanoogaans; and

WHEREAS, extreme weather events such as droughts and wildfires, record rainfall, damaging winds and tornadoes, and extreme temperatures have become more common and more destructive; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of the changing climate widen the disparities that exist across Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Climate Action Plan will enable the City of Chattanooga to access the billions of dollars in federal, state, and private funding available for climate change, sustainability, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga 2023 Climate Action Plan has six goals that will maximize these opportunities and address these challenges and will allow the City of Chattanooga to harness the City's resources into a structured and collaborative framework, catalyzing long-lasting, community-wide change in the years to come:

City of Chattanooga 2023 Climate Action Plan Goals:

1. Chattanooga will reduce disparities among socially and economically vulnerable communities;
2. Chattanooga will become a net zero-carbon community;
3. Chattanooga will become a zero-waste community;
4. Chattanooga will build a more sustainable city;
5. Chattanooga will preserve and improve natural resources integrity; and
6. Chattanooga will be a leader in the green economy.

WHEREAS, full implementation of the 2023 Climate Action Plan will require consistent, dedicated effort by the City of Chattanooga and partners across the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chattanooga will convene a Climate, Sustainability, and Resilience Committee that will be responsible for implementation, oversight, and reporting on the Climate Action Plan;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That it hereby adopts the City of Chattanooga 2023 Climate Action Plan.

ADOPTED: March 28, 2023

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