



Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

January 31, 2016

Chair Edwards and members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

Please find attached resolutions passed by five cities or counties in Oregon calling on the Oregon State Legislature to implement a carbon pricing policy.

Please respond to their call to action by advancing SB 1574, also known as the Healthy Climate Act this session.

Thank you for your action on this important legislation.

Megan Kemple
350 Eugene

RESOLUTION NO. 5130

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CARBON PRICING POLICY FOR THE STATE OF OREGON.

The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. The City Council is compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions are the primary cause of global climate change.

B. The City Council agrees that climate change is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce its negative effects.

C. Climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These have costs to our society that are not reflected in the price of fossil fuels.

D. The City Council believes that assigning a cost to carbon dioxide emissions is one of the most efficient ways to decrease carbon pollution, discourage consumption of fossil fuels and encourage development of alternatives.

E. The *2013 Tax and Shift: How to Make it Work for Oregon's Economy* report published by the Portland State University Northwest Economic Research Center and the December 2014 report to the legislature on the feasibility of a fee or tax on greenhouse gas emissions, also by Northwest Economic Research Center, conclude that imposing a price on carbon within the State of Oregon would have relatively small impacts on the economy and would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EUGENE, A Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council requests that the Oregon State Legislature carefully craft legislation to impose a carbon pricing policy, in part relying on modeling described in the reports outlined in the above findings and the experience of British Columbia with special attention for mitigating adverse impacts on low income families.

Section 2. The City Council urges the Environmental Protection Agency to allow states the option of voluntarily using market based, economy-wide carbon pricing as an alternative compliance mechanism for the Clean Power Plan.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Brown, Senators

Wyden and Merkley, Congressman DeFazio, and the City's local state legislative delegation. The City shall lobby in its support when appropriate.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution adopted on the 22 day of April, 2015.

Beth Louest

City Recorder



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

"Dogwood City of the West"

Resolution No. 48-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, SUPPORTING A CARBON PRICING POLICY FOR THE STATE OF OREGON.

WHEREAS, the City Council is compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions from human activities are the primary cause of global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that climate change is already having an effect in Oregon and is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce its negative effects; and

WHEREAS, climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These have costs to our society that are not reflected in the price of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that assigning a cost to carbon dioxide emissions is one of the most efficient ways to decrease carbon pollution, discourage consumption of fossil fuels and encourage development of alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the *2013 Tax and Shift: How to Make it Work for Oregon's Economy* report published by the Portland State University (PSU) Northwest Economic Research Center and the December 2014 report to the State Legislature on the feasibility of a fee or tax on greenhouse gas emissions, also by the Northwest Economic Research Center, conclude that imposing a price on carbon within the State of Oregon would have relatively small impacts on the economy and would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

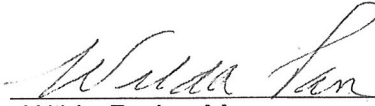
Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that the City of Milwaukie requests that the Oregon State Legislature carefully craft legislation to impose a carbon pricing policy according to the most credible climatological and economic research, with special attention for mitigating adverse impacts on low income families; and

Be it Further Resolved that the City of Milwaukie will transmit copies of this Council Resolution to United States Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, United States Congressman Kurt Schrader, Governor Kate Brown, to State Senator Diane Rosenbaum, State Representative Kathleen Taylor, and to all members of the Oregon State Legislature actively proposing carbon dioxide price legislation; and

Be it Further Resolved that passage of this Council Resolution shall not preclude the City of Milwaukie from further lobbying efforts as deemed appropriate.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **4/21/2015**.


This resolution is effective immediately.



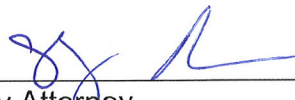
Wilda Parks, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jordan Ramis PC



Pat DuVal, City Recorder



City Attorney

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of a Resolution to Request) RESOLUTION R2014-023
Carbon Pricing by the State of Oregon)**

The Benton County Commissioners:

- A. Are compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions are the primary cause of global climate change and appreciate that carbon is the not the only contributor to global warming.
- B. Agree that climate change is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce its negative effects.
- C. Find that climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These threats have cost to our society that are not reflected in the price of fossil fuels.
- D. Find that the 2013 *Carbon Tax and Shift: How to make it work for Oregon's Economy* (Portland State University, Northwest Economic Research Center) and the 2014 *Environmental Tax Reform in California: Economic and Climate Impact of a Carbon Tax Swap* (Regional Economic Models, Inc.) indicate a revenue neutral carbon fee would stimulate economic growth and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, BENTON COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF OREGON, CALLS ON THE OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE TO:


- 1. Craft legislation carefully to impose a carbon tax relying on modeling described in the reports above and the experience of British Columbia.
- 2. Take into account the predicted results of reduced carbon emissions and an improved economy.
- 3. Request that unintended collateral consequences be explored and evaluated.

This resolution shall be sent to Governor Kitzhaber, Senators Wyden and Merkley, Congressman DeFazio, our local state legislative delegation.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2014.

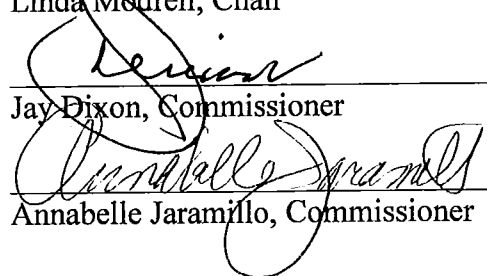
Signed this 7th day of October, 2014.

Board of County Commissioners



Linda Modrell, Chair

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Jay Dixon, Commissioner



Annabelle Jaramillo, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04

A Resolution stating the City of Hood River's support of Legislation to implement a price on carbon for the State of Oregon.

WHEREAS, **the City Council and Mayor under the Hood River City Charter have the authority** to protect the health, safety and general welfare of its citizens and is compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions are the primary cause of global climate change, and agrees that climate change is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce its negative effects, and

WHEREAS, the City finds that climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These societal costs of inaction are significant and outweigh the temporary economic impacts associated with the energy transition, and

WHEREAS the City believes that assigning a cost to carbon dioxide emissions is one of the most efficient ways to discourage consumption of fossil fuels and encourage development of alternatives, and

WHEREAS the City finds that the Legislative Revenue Office '*Economic and Emissions Impacts of a Clean Air Tax or Fee in Oregon (SB306)*', report #4-14, December 2014 as well as previous similar analyses concludes that imposing a price on carbon within the State of Oregon could have relatively small impacts on the economy and would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions , and

WHEREAS the City believes that it is important for communities large and small to voice both their recognition of the global problems of carbon dioxide emissions and their support for local actions by the State of Oregon.

Now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the City of Hood River calls on the Oregon State Legislature to craft legislation carefully to impose a carbon price, in the form of a fee, tax, or cap, relying on modeling described in the NERC reports and the experience of British Columbia and California, with special attention to mitigating impacts on low-income Oregonians.

Be it further resolved that the City of Hood River urges this legislation to establish price levels that adequately address the climate crisis, according to the most credible climatological and economic research, and

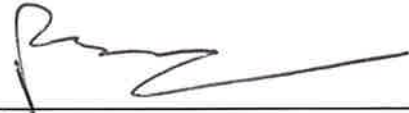
Be it further resolved, that the City of Hood River urges the EPA to allow states the option to voluntarily use market based economy wide carbon pricing as an alternative compliance mechanism for the Clean Power Plan, and

Be it further resolved that the City of Hood River transmits copies of this resolution to the Governor of Oregon, to our State Senator Chuck Thomsen, State Representative Mark Johnson and all members of the State Legislature actively proposing carbon price legislation, and

Be it further resolved that the City of Hood River transmits copies of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from Oregon in the Congress of the United States, and

Be it further resolved that passage of this resolution shall not preclude the City of Hood River from further lobbying efforts as deemed appropriate.

Approved by the Hood River City Council this 9th Day of March to take effect immediately.



Paul Blackburn, Mayor



Jennifer Gray, City Recorder

RESOLUTION 2015 - 15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CARBON PRICING POLICY FOR THE STATE OF OREGON AND THE UNITED STATES.

Minutes of the May 4, 2015, Corvallis City Council meeting, continued.

A resolution submitted by Councilor Joel Hirsch.

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council has adopted a goal to develop and implement a local climate action plan because the City Council recognizes that people and governments need to act to mitigate climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council understands that Corvallis, acting as a single community by itself, cannot alter the current course of climate change, but acting as one community of thousands, Corvallis residents can have an impact far beyond our community's borders; and

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council is compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions from human activities are the primary cause of global climate change which means that human actions can mitigate climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council finds that climate change is already having an impact in Oregon and threatens public health, natural resources, national security, food security, and business supply chains into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council understands that the costs of climate change to society are currently passed onto our community instead of being borne by the emitters of carbon dioxide; and

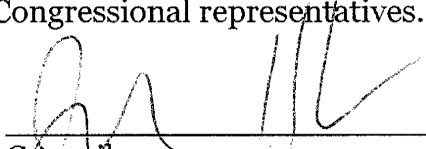
WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council believes that requiring fossil fuel producers and consumers to pay for the costs of their carbon emissions will provide disincentives to consumption of fossil fuels and provide incentives to develop and implement sustainable energy alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council appreciates that a price on carbon – either in the form of a carbon tax or cap and traded permits – by itself would likely be regressive, and as a result, would want a price on carbon to be coupled with a provision to alleviate the burden on low-income households and to minimize negative impacts on total state employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORVALLIS RESOLVES TO encourage the Oregon Legislature and the United States Congress to craft legislation to price carbon – whether in the form of a carbon tax or a cap and traded permitting system – using the best available research to ensure a policy that significantly reduces emissions while mitigating impacts on low-income people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corvallis City Council encourages other communities to join them in this request for Oregon and the United States to recognize and address the global problems of carbon dioxide emissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Corvallis City Council will send this resolution to the Oregon Legislature and to Oregon's Congressional representatives.



Councilor

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted, and the Mayor thereupon declared said resolution to be adopted.